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Brazilians take over Toyota's big day

FLAMENGO SWEEP THE WORLD BOARD

from Keir Radnedge in Tokyo

TWO CUPS, two cars and the glory . . . Flamengo of Brazil swept the lot as they explosively underlined Liverpool's challenge for the World Club Cup here in Japan.

Toyota, the Japanese sponsors whose man-of-the-match cars were collected by Zico — Flamengo's creative genius — and Nunes — the two-goal match-winner — could hardly have expected such acceleration from the Brazilians.

They'd arrived a day later than Liverpool's champions, and had appeared even more worn down by their long flight.

But any hint of tiredness disappeared the moment they felt the chilled sunshine on their faces for the midday kick-off of an event which is now ever more established in the world football calendar.

An event too, which seems sure to continue in this one-off Tokyo showpiece style, as long as Toyota are there to provide the support. Certainly the organisation first established last spring for Nacional's success against Nottingham Forest once more ran smoothly.

And with more than 50 countries taking pictures — live or delayed — on television, there will be enough incentive to persuade the clubs involved to keep on going, whatever domestic tangles they may have to sort out on the way.

No one could dispute Flamengo's right to the World Club Cup and the Toyota Cup which was also presented. They were skilled, composed and confident. There was no hint of the darker side of life which had scarred their Libertadores play-offs against first Atletico Mineiro, then against Cobreloa.

Zico was outstanding. He didn't rush about forcing himself into the game: he didn't need to. When the chance arose he was in possession, at the right place at the right, to weight his shots and passes to perfection.

A better-judged pass than the one which sent Nunes in for the opening goal could hardly be imagined. Try as he could Liverpool skipper Phil Thompson just could not quite reach it and the rangy centre forward did the rest.

Then it was Zico again. This time his vicious free kick bounced out of Bruce Grobbelaar's hands and though the goalkeeper blocked Lico's shot on the rebound, Adilio made no mistake second time around.

Zico's pass created goal number three for Nunes before half-time and though a stunned Liverpool picked themselves up a little in the second half they were out of their depth.

Manager Bob Paisley criticised his men afterwards — but, significantly, without trying to deny Flamengo any of the glory.

Just as Brazil have won the World Cup three times, so their clubs have now won the World Club Cup three times, albeit the previous two victories were constructed by Santos nearly 20 years ago.

Liverpool had more possession of the ball over the 90 minutes. But that meant little. It was what the teams did with the ball that mattered and in Adilio Flamengo had just the man to keep their fluid patterns rolling.

Brazilian technique has long been famed. Here again, despite the odd harsh bounce and bump of the pitch, the South Americans had an advantage. Their one-touch control was always a weapon which gave them that much more time to think out their moves, enjoy their skills.

MAN OF THE MATCH Zico gets his pass away despite the attentions of three Liverpool players — (from left) Ray Kennedy, Alan Hansen and Graeme Souness.

Up front they had the electricity Liverpool lacked. Where Nunes ran into all the right gaps, where Tita tricked and checked and dummied, and where Zico was always a lurking danger, Liverpool were slow and dull by comparison.

Kenny Dalglish was scarcely seen for much of the match; it was up to young Craig Johnston, playing his first full game in Liverpool's colours, who was their liveliest player. Johnston chased and ran and harried, but without support he was always on a loser.

Liverpool played their usual patient game, pushing the ball around, but for once European patient predictability couldn't pay off. The Brazilians had ideas of their own — ideas constructed on a web in midfield which coach Paulo Cesar had thought up by using surprise choice Lico, nominally an outside left, to cover back.

With the experience of Junior behind them at left back, and Raul an agile and calming influence at 37 years of age in goal, Flamengo rarely appeared in danger.

For Adilio it had been a memorable week. On the previous Sunday Flamengo had beaten Vasco da Gama in a play-off to win the Rio state title for the 21st time; on the following day he got married; now here he was, his new bride watching along with seven other players' wives from the stands, as he became a world champion.

After that, their season having finished on the highest note possible, the Flamengo party — an appropriate word! — flew off to Honolulu for a celebration holiday in Hawaii.

Few could begrudge them their enjoyment.

Brazilian football was re-established as an international force last summer when the national team won three major friendlies away to England, France and West Germany. That instantly confirmed them among the World Cup favourites, a standing which

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World Club Cup Continued . . . the goal

The decisive second goal for Flamengo . . . Zico takes the 34th minute free kick (picture left) . . . the ball springs back out of Bruce Grobbelaar's hands (picture Two) . . . the goalkeeper dives forward as Lico moves in for the rebound (picture Three) . . . but is finally beaten as Adilio (far right, picture Four) flicks the ball in at the near post.

BRAZILIANS GIVE TOYOTA THEIR MONEY'S WORTH

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can only be enhanced by this victory in Tokyo, since Flamengo number internationals such as Zico, Junior, Leandro and Tita among their number.

The Brazilians have style and grace. But a lot can happen in the next few months and though Europe seems to have come off perpetual second best to South America over the last 18 months — starting with the Mundialito in Uruguay — there is no reason yet to think that Europe's World Cup challenge is a mere academic exercise.

As Flamengo's experiences in the Libertadore Cup showed, the South American temperament is not always the coolest — and that is not just a matter of being fouled and kicked on the pitch.

A lot can happen in the background during a World Cup to upset the balance of a squad and the spirit in the team.

Tokyo was truly a pointer towards what may happen in Spain, but only one pointer, not a decisive signal. Flamengo's success was long overdue after the years during which South America was represented at this stage by the cynicism of Uruguay and Argentina.

But the danger they now face may well be in assuming delusions of grandeur. No team, no country, can rest on their laurels. The threat to Brazil now comes from within — from their own increasing self-confidence.

The Liverpool camp were split down the middle over Flamengo. Was it just a matter of luckily catching Liverpool on an off day? Were they really a new super-team?

Maybe the World Cup finals will provide some answers in this direction too. Just as Tokyo sent up some warning signs for Europe's national teams.

World Club Cup, past winners: 1960 Real Madrid. 1961 Penarol. 1962 Santos. 1963 Santos. 1964 Internazionale. 1965 Inter. 1966 Penarol. 1967 Racing Buenos Aires. 1968 Estudiantes. 1969 Milan. 1970 Feyenoord. 1971 Nacional. 1972 Ajax. 1973 Independiente. 1974 Atletico Madrid. 1975 No competition. 1976 Bayern Munich. 1977 Boca Juniors. 1978 No competition. 1979 Olimpia Asuncion. 1980 Nacional. 1981 Flamengo.

WORLD CLUB CUP
Tokyo — December 13

Flamengo 3 (Nunes 13 and 41, Adilio 34)
Liverpool 0

HT: 3-0. Att: 62,000 (£225,000). **Ref:** Mario Rubio Vazquez (Mexico)

Flamengo: 1 Raul — 2 Leandro, 4 Mozer, 13 Marinho, 5 Junior — 7 Tita, 8 Adilio, 6 Andrade, 10 Zico, 11 Lico — 9 Nunes. Substitutes not used: Cantarele, Nei Dias, Figueredo, Peu, Baroninho. Coach: Paulo Cesar Carpeggiani.

Liverpool: 1 Grobbelaar — 2 Neal, 4 Thompson, 6 Hansen, 3 Lawrenson — 14 Lee, 10 McDermott (sub. 12 Johnson), 11 Souness, 5 R. Kennedy — 7 Dalglish, 16 Johnston. Substitutes not used: Ogrizovic, A. Kennedy, Whelan, Sheedy. Manager: Bob Paisley.

Match statistics:

Flamengo: Shots: 10 (6 first half/4 second half — on target: 4/4). Fouls committed: 9 (5/4). Offside: 7 (4/3. Corners: 2 (1/1).

Liverpool: Shots: 12 (5/7 — 1/3). Fouls committed: 12 (6/6). Offside: 7 (4/3). Corners: 4 (1/3).

Best player awards: Zico and Nunes.

Tribute to Claudio Coutinho

PLAYERS and officials of Flamengo were swift to dedicate their victory to the memory of former team coach Claudio Coutinho, who had been drowned in a sub-aqua accident off Rio at the end of November.

Coutinho was an unusual management figure since he had never played football professionally.

Born in Don Pedrito, Rio Grande do Sul, on January 5, 1939, he entered military academy at 15, later studying in the United States and becoming a captain and a paratrooper.

He also became a physical fitness expert. In 1966 he managed Brazil's volleyball team in the world championships on Czechoslovakia and was called in by the football authorities in 1974 to prepare Brazil's team for the World Cup finals in West Germany.

After a year as coach to Marseille in France he led Brazil's Olympic footballers in Montreal and was, on his return, taken on by Flamengo. Restoring them to former glories, he succeeded Oswaldo Brandao as Brazil national manager in late 1977.

But the Argentina campaign was controversial. Coutinho's appointment owed much to his military background and that was resented by many football men. Though Brazil were unbeaten in Argentina and finished third, Coutinho's tactical demands upset fans used to the free-wheeling patterns of the past.

Yet it was not until after Brazil's defeat in the South American championship semi-finals late in 1979 that he was replaced. He continued with Flamengo until a year ago, when he went to Los Angeles. He was on the point of taking up a £15,000-a-month appointment with El Helal in Saudi Arabia at the time of his death.

Coutinho, who left a wife and two children, was a cultured, educated and master of half a dozen languages. *World Soccer* will also remember him as a valued friend.

which did the damage to Liverpool's hopes

MINUTE BY MINUTE

0 — Flamengo kick off.
3 — The first shot of the game, from Souness. But he mistimes his effort after a short cross from Lee and the ball curls away wide.
5 — Flamengo's first attempt. Tita catches Lawrenson in possession and pushes the ball square for Adilio, whose shot flies straight at Grobbelaar.
13 — Flamengo go ahead. Zico flights a stunning pass just over the head of Thompson and NUNES strides on to clip his shot wide of Grobbelaar and inside the far post. 1-0 to Flamengo.
16 — McDermott gets in at the near post on a short cross from Johnston but Raul, on his knees, collects the short-range effort without difficulty.
21 — Again the Brazilian skill factor in evidence. This time a Tita-Zico-Adilio move brings Flamengo within inches of splitting the Liverpool defence, but a bad bounce and a stray foot save the day.
24 — Liverpool continue playing steadily from the back. But clearly the hard, bumpy pitch means problems in attack where the ball isn't holding up for Johnston and Dalglish, Johnston is battling away, however, and shoots just wide after a break and cross from McDermott.
32 — Flamengo win the first corner of the game, on the right. The Brazilians pour men forward into the penalty box and Tita hits a long, deep kick across, *outside* the box where Junior, in space, sends a first-time volley flying just too high.
34 — McDermott fouls Tita in the centre, about ten yards outside the penalty box. Zico hits the free kick round the wall, it bounces off Grobbelaar's chest, back through his hands to where Lico is waiting; Grobbelaar blocks the snap-shot but ADILIO is following up again to put Flamengo 2-0 ahead.
37 — A rare piece of testing action for Raul, turning over the top for a corner an angled drive from McDermott on the right.
41 — The killer blow: Zico again, this time sending NUNES clear in the inside right position to close on goal and fire past Grobbelaar. Flamengo 3-0 ahead.
***Half-time:* Flamengo 3, Liverpool 0.**
51 — Liverpool take up the action but already they must know this is a lost cause, even with their history for fighting back. Johnston cuts in from the left for a shot and Raul dives for a sharp save at the near post.
52 — David Johnson comes on as substitute for McDermott and immediately takes up a station in attack.
55 — Junior moves forward for Flamengo, flips a pass square to his right where Andrade is waiting to fire unerringly towards the top far corner from about 35 yards. Grobbelaar flings himself across the goal to touch the shot away for a corner.
61 — Liverpool are slowly beginning to create some more promising openings. A rebound presents Ray Kennedy with a chance at close range, but Raul blocks the ball with his body and a defender clears out of danger.
62 — Grobbelaar, unsighted until late, does well to get down to a skimming drive from Adilio.
64 — Johnson tries a cross-cum-shot from out on the Liverpool left. But the ball lands safely for the Brazilians, on top of the goal-net.
70 — Flamengo back in attack. This time the shot comes from Nunes and once more Grobbelaar is forced to push it away for a corner . . . which comes to nothing.
73 — Johnson has brought some more life into the Liverpool attack. This time he switches out to the right in search of an opening, and his shot is diverted for a corner by Mozer.
82 — Liverpool maintain their patient pressure, knocking the ball around on the edge of the Flamengo penalty area until Souness has the moment to try a shot . . . which flies too high.
89 — Flamengo are awarded a free kick on the right. Zico steps over the ball and Junior's curling shot is held safely this time by Grobbelaar.
***Full-time:* Flamengo 3, Liverpool 0.**

Paisley — 'We were so dull'

BOB PAISLEY (Liverpool manager): "To say I'm disappointed is the understatement of the year. In the first half, in particular, I have never seen us so dull both physically and mentally and I just couldn't understand it. That's when the game was won and lost. We conceded two stupid goals and the third one . . . well, that was obviously offside. But that's beside the point. Flamengo deserved to win.

"I've got no explanations about the first half. We lacked ideas and we lacked aggression. Possibly the publicity about the other games the Brazilians played and what went on didn't do us any favours, because we were determined not to get involved and perhaps we went too far the other way.

"The pitch put the advantage on the side of the game the Brazilians play. I would have liked a softer, faster pitch. But having said that, we played into their hands. We never moved off the ball or knocked it around the way we usually do. But I'm sure that was nothing to do with the pitch, basically.

"In the second half we had to get some more aggression into our game that was why we put the other front man (David Johnson) into the team. But by then we'd conceded those ridiculous goals. Craig Johnston was probably our best player. He did well in difficult circumstances. He worked really hard. If only the other people had shown the same approach! They looked so slow in the head! There were moves which, under normal circumstances they would have cashed in on but they couldn't read them in the first half they were so dead, physically."

PAULO CESAR CARPEGGIANI (Flamengo coach): "I'm delighted. We couldn't have asked for a better start and once we were in front, although Liverpool kept their lines and were always a danger, I never thought we were really in serious trouble. I knew Liverpool rely heavily on their midfield strength and that is why we put an extra player – Lico – in there to give us an advantage because we were confident we could break effectively when the chances came."

ZICO: "I know I collected the prize, the car, but it wasn't just personal merit. It was all owed to every man in our team. We knew that Liverpool's strength lay in their defence so our task was to break them down. I think we did that, as you've seen. I think we were in control of the game from the start to the finish.

"I thought Liverpool's best players were Thompson in defence and the goalkeeper. I'm not being funny – saying that because the goalkeeper dropped my free kick for our second goal. In the second half he made a couple of fine saves – one, in particular, from Andrade."

World Cup special

The countdown has begun . . .

ON JUNE 13, in Barcelona's enlarged Nou Camp stadium, the finals of the 12th World Cup open in Spain.

For four weeks the top nations in the world and plenty of their keenest pupils will be engaged in an event which will become football history. An event which may set new trends in tactics, an event which will create new heroes, and an event whose incidents, goals and mistakes will be the subject of television, radio, newspaper, and magazine comment for years to come.

World Soccer *will be there, to maintain our tradition as the game's leading international review.*

But before the football can begin the game lives in eager anticipation of the finals draw, which will be made on January 16, in the Congress Palace in Madrid which houses the headquarters of the Spanish organising committee.

The matches set in motion in June and July by the formula worked out for the draw will lead inevitably to the Final on July 11, not far from the Congress Palace, in the Estadio Santiago Bernabeu, home of Real Madrid.

Fans the world over will be deluged with information on the finals, the teams and the players. Much of the relevant information needed to assess the draw appears on the following pages – the World Soccer *guide to the finalists.*

In the next few months World Soccer *will expand on this information.*

But in the meantime it's as well to record that the World Cup was first dreamed up in 1904, when FIFA was founded in Paris. A Dutch banker, C. A. W. Hirschman, was the moving spirit who brought together representatives from Belgium, Denmark, France, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and, of course, Holland on May 21, 1904.

Immediately they claimed, in FIFA's name, the sole right to organise a World Cup. Plans were laid accordingly. But logistics and communications and financial problems meant it was not until 1930 that the tournament finally got under way.

Nowadays countries are awarded the World Cup finals years in advance. But back in those pioneer days, days in which the French official Jules Rimet emerged as the greatest champions of the World Cup dream, Uruguay were voted in for 1930 just a year beforehand!

There had been competition as officials came together in Barcelona for the 1929 FIFA congress. Spain, this year's hosts, were among them. But they pulled out in a gallant gesture because "we would not wish to jeopardise the case put forward by another Spanish-language nation."

Travel problems means that only four European teams made the journey to Montevideo, even though the Uruguayans had promised to meet all the bills and build a giant new stadium, the Centenario.

That stadium still stands today, a monument to the past glories of Uruguayan football. Sadly, the Uruguayans are now in football's backwaters – the inevitable consequence for all those nations who have failed to reach the 1982 finals.

In 1930 the organisers aimed for 16 finalists. And that number stood firm . . . until now. Spain '82 sees the greatest innovation since the knock-out second stage was abolished in 1974; the presence of 24 teams.

From the point of view of the football, the idea has many drawbacks. Not the least is the certain fact that half-empty stadia will greet the television cameras swinging into action for the 'nothing' matches.

The knock-out element has been partially restored: there will be two one-off semi-final matches. In another attempt to rescue what drama there may be, the second round groups will be a movable feast. To maintain interest, since there are only three teams involved in each group, the fixtures will be juggled as they are virtually being played.

Few countries could cope with a tournament of such gargantuan proportions. Spain is renowned for its love and passion for football, its stadia, its tourist facilities, and all the rest. Yet millions of pounds has been needed to bring the country and its social, sporting and broadcasting infrastructure up to scratch.

But Spain will be ready . . . after that, the success or failure of the 1982 World Cup rests solely with the players.

SPAIN '82 — The World Cup Finals programme

1st round June 13-25	2nd round** Jun 28-July 5	Semi-finals July 8	3rd pl. match July 10	Final July 11
Group 1 Coruna, Vigo	Group A (Barc. N/Camp) Winners 1 Winners 3 Runners-up 2	IN Barcelona, Nou Camp	IN Alicante	IN Madrid, Bernabeu
Group 2 Oviedo, Gijon	Group B (Madrid, Bern.) Winners 2 Winners 4 Runners-up 5	Winners A v. Winners C		
Group 3 Elche, Alicante BUT Opening Match in Barc. N/Camp			Losers A/C v. Losers B/D	Winners A/C v. Winners B/D
Group 4 Valladolid, Bilbao	Group C (Barc., Sarria) Runners-up 1 Runners-up 3 Winners 6	IN Seville, S-Pizjuan		
Group 5 Zaragoza, Valencia	Group D (Madrid, Calder.) Runners-up 2 Runners-up 4 Winners 5	Winners B v. Winners D		
Group 6 Malaga, Seville				

**To artificially maintain interest in ALL three games in each second round group, the winners of the FIRST game will not play again until the THIRD game — thus the group fixtures will be interchangeable to avoid a 'meaningless' third match, as seen in the Mundialito in Uruguay in January.

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The history in facts and figures

Year	Hosts	Final	3rd place	Top scorer	Matches	Goals (ave)	Attendance (ave)
1930	Uruguay	Uruguay 4 Argentina 2 (Montevideo)	—	Stabile (Uru) 8	18	70 (3.8)	434,500 (24,138)
1934	Italy	Italy 2 Czech 1 (Rome, aet)	Germany 3 Austria 2 (Naples)	Schiavio (It) Nejedly (Cz) Conen (Ger) 4	17	70 (4.1)	395,000 (23,235)
1938	France	Italy 4 Hungary 2 (Paris)	Brazil 4 Sweden 2 (Bordeaux)	Leonidas (Brz) 8	18	84 (4.6)	483,000 (26,833)
1950	Brazil	Uruguay 2 Brazil 1 (Rio)	Sweden (on points)	Ademir (Brz) 7	22	88 (4.0)	1,337,000 (60,772)
1954	Switzerland	W. Germany 3 Hungary 2 (Berne)	Austria 3 Uruguay 1 (Zurich)	Kocsis (Hun) 11	26	140 (5.3)	943,000 (36,270)
1958	Sweden	Brazil 5 Sweden 2 (Stockholm)	France 6 W. Germany 3 (Gothenburg)	Fontaine (Fr) 13	35	126 (3.6)	868,000 (24,800)
1962	Chile	Brazil 3 Czech 1 (Santiago)	Chile 1 Yugoslavia 0 (Santiago)	Jerkovic (Yug) 5	32	89 (2.7)	776,000 (24,250)
1966	England	England 4 W. Germany 2 (Wembley, aet)	Portugal 2 Russia 1 (Wembley)	Eusebio (Port) 9	32	89 (2.7)	1,614,677 (50,458)
1970	Mexico	Brazil 4 Italy 1 (Mexico City)	W. Germany 1 Uruguay 0 (Mexico City)	Müller (WG) 10	32	95 (2.9)	1,673,975 (52,311)
1974	W. Germany	W. Germany 2 Holland 1 (Munich)	Poland 1 Brazil 0 (Munich)	Lato (Pol) 7	38	97 (2.5)	1,774,022 (46,684)
1978	Argentina	Argentina 3 Holland 1 (B'Aires, aet)	Brazil 2 Italy 1 (B'Aires)	Kempes (Arg) 6	38	102 (2.6)	1,610,215 (42,374)

Final records of all the qualifiers

1982 Finalists in capitals

Country	Finals apps	P	W	D	L	F	A
BRAZIL	11	52	33	10	9	119	56
W. GERMANY	9	47	28	9	10	110	68
ITALY	9	36	20	6	10	62	40
Mexico	8	24	3	4	17	21	62
Uruguay	7	29	14	5	10	57	39
ARGENTINA	7	29	14	5	10	55	43
HUNGARY	7	26	13	2	11	73	42
Sweden	7	28	11	6	11	48	46
FRANCE	7	20	8	1	11	43	38
ENGLAND	6	24	10	6	8	34	28
YUGOSLAVIA	6	25	10	5	10	45	34
CZECHOSLOVAKIA	6	22	8	3	11	32	36
Switzerland	6	18	5	2	11	28	44
BELGIUM	5	9	1	1	7	12	25
SPAIN	5	18	7	3	8	22	25
CHILE	5	18	7	3	8	23	24
SCOTLAND	4	11	2	4	5	12	21
Austria	4	18	9	1	8	33	36
Holland	4	16	8	3	5	32	19
Rumania	4	8	2	1	5	12	17
Bulgaria	4	12	0	4	8	9	29
SOVIET UNION	4	19	10	3	6	30	21
POLAND	3	14	9	1	4	27	17
PERU	3	12	4	1	7	17	25
Paraguay	3	7	2	2	3	12	18
Bolivia	2	3	0	0	3	0	16
United States	2	7	3	0	4	12	21
Portugal	1	6	5	0	1	17	8
E. Germany	1	6	2	2	2	5	5
Wales	1	5	1	3	1	4	4
N. IRELAND	1	5	2	1	2	6	10
Tunisia	1	3	1	1	1	3	2
N. Korea	1	4	1	1	2	5	9
Cuba	1	3	1	1	1	5	12
Turkey	1	3	1	0	2	10	11
Israel	1	3	0	2	1	1	3
Morocco	1	3	0	1	2	2	6
Australia	1	3	0	1	2	0	5
Colombia	1	3	0	1	2	5	11
Iran	1	3	0	1	2	2	8
Norway	1	1	0	0	1	1	2
Egypt	1	1	0	0	1	2	4
Dutch E. Indies	1	1	0	0	1	1	6
EL SALVADOR	1	3	0	0	3	0	9
S. Korea	1	2	0	0	2	0	16
Haiti	1	3	0	0	3	2	14
Zaire	1	3	0	0	3	0	14
HONDURAS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAMEROON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ALGERIA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
KUWAIT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHINA or NEW ZEALAND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

World Cup special

Honduras and El Salvador carry the flag

from Jeff Cross

HONDURAS and El Salvador, the two Central American republics which 12 years ago went to war following a World Cup qualifying-round clash and have had an uneasy border truce ever since, will jointly fly the flag of North-Central America next summer in Spain.

The two countries emerged first and second respectively, in the six-nation final qualifying round in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, from November 1 to 22.

So the geographical zone of soccer, which rejoices in the name Confederación Norte Centroamericana y del Caribe de Fütbol, will be represented by one country making their debut in the World Cup finals (Honduras) and another appearing for just the second time (El Salvador — 1970 in Mexico).

Mexico, the heavily-favoured giants of the CONCACAF zone, who have played in nine of 11 World Cup final tournaments, finished tied for third place with Canada in the round-robin tournament, with Cuba and Haiti bringing up the rear. All six had fought through an initial qualifying round contested by 15 of CONCACAF's 22 countries.

Though there was criticism of playing all the games of the final round at a single site (Tegucigalpa's Estadoiol Nacional) tournament organisers could scarcely have been more pleased with the results.

Approximately 430,000 fans, almost twice the population of the Honduran capital, watched the games, an average of about 36,000 per game-day (double-headers were played on three days) which produced revenue of roughly 2,300,000 lempiras — or $(US)1,150,000.

Honduras officials were equally pleased with the tournament for two reasons. The first-place finish of the host country was one. The other was the incident-free nature of the series, perhaps surprising in view of its scheduling, just a week before the most important presidential election in the country's history.

But the tournament itself was generally a disappointment on the Stadium pitch itself — a close-cropped bumpy surface which made ball-control difficult, but which stood up well to the battering of 15 games in 21 days.

Caution was the watchword of all six countries. Only 28 goals were scored in 15 games, over half of them in just four games.

Seven of the 15 games finished in draws and the top scorer in the entire tournament was striker Hugo Sanchez of Mexico and Atletico Madrid. Sanchez, who has a striking resemblance to Kevin Keegan, both in appearance and style of play, scored just three goals.

But the most startling incongruity of all was the second-place finish of El Salvador, which completed its five games with a goal-record of 2-1 — and one of those goals came on a highly-debatable penalty-kick.

From the opening games of the tournament, it was obvious that Honduras would be one of the two qualifiers, when the host country romped to a 4-0 victory over the enthusiastic but overmatched Cubans of Hungarian coach Tibor Ivanics.

But the runner-up spot — and the second berth in Spain — was in doubt until the final games. And the situation bears recounting.

With two games remaining on the final weekend — Canada vs Cuba on Saturday and Honduras vs Mexico on Sunday, the situation was this:

Honduras had locked up first place with seven points from three victories and a tie. El Salvador were second with six points, but had completed their schedule — and had that abysmal 2-1 goal-scoring record. Mexico and Canada were tied for third, each with four points, Mexico with a goal-record of 6-3, Canada with a record of 4-4.

Thus if Canada were to defeat the out-of-it Cubans, the Canadians would be in second place over El Salvador on goal difference (or by having scored more goals) and would have to wait and see what Mexico could do against the Hondurans on the final day.

The bookies figures Canada had the best chance, Mexico second best and El Salvador only a slim hope.

But despite battering at second-string Cuban goalkeeper Calixto Martinez almost throughout the game, Canada could manage only a 2-2 draw — and even had to come from behind twice to achieve that.

As it turned out, one more goal would have sent Canada to Spain, because Mexico were easily held to a goalless draw by Honduras the following afternoon, in a game that was probably the dullest of the tournament and seemed almost certain to cost coach Raul Cardenas his job.

Even before the game, Rafael del Castillo, president of the Mexican FA, was predicting publicly that Cardenas would not be in charge, even if the Mexican team did qualify — and that Bora Milutinovic, highly-successful Yugoslav coach of Mexico's Universidad FC, would be his successor.

As with Canada the previous day, one goal in that game would have sent Mexico to Spain, but apart from one glorious opportunity for Sanchez, when he was presented with the ball on the penalty spot by Honduran sweeper Anthony Costly, but shot wide, neither team appeared too interested in the result.

American referee David Socha, who interestingly was named the top official by his colleagues, remarked later that both defences were "taking no prisoners" and opposing forwards were reluctant to attempt any kind of penetration.

The Canadians had reason to be most disappointed. Coach Barrie Clarke, a former Derby reserve, who was plucked from his job as head of the languages department at Vedder high school, near Vancouver, three years ago to take over as head coach of all Canada's national soccer teams (World Cup, Olympics, Pan Am Games and so on) had expressed himself as supremely confident — and he had reasonable cause for that optimism.

Clarke, a physical education specialist with a coaching background that includes an FA badge from Lilleshall, had a squad chosen almost exclusively from the 76 Canadians currently playing in the North American Soccer League and captained by Bob Iarusci, the talented and personable sweeper of the New York Cosmos.

Canada had had their best-ever warm-up for this World Cup. Backed by Labatt's Brewery to the tune of $1 million (is this the only national team sponsored by private business?), the Canadians had drawn (1-1) and defeated (4-0) the Cosmos, then taken a successful (three wins, one defeat) tour of Caribbean countries to prepare for Honduras.

In their opening game, Canada had defeated El Salvador 1-0 on a goal by striker Mike Stojanovic, now a naturalised Canadian after a career with Yugoslavia's Rijeka, and last summer's "North American player of the Year" while with San Diego Sockers of the NASL.

Two draws with Haiti (1-1) and Mexico (1-1) and a squeaky 2-1 defeat by Honduras in one of the best games of the tournament, had done nothing to daunt the Canadian optimism. They had scored the only goal of the entire tournament against El Salvador — the same against Honduras.

But against the Cubans who packed their box and simply booted the ball upfield to gain respite from the pounding, Canada could not get the extra goal they wanted.

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Cuba actually went ahead in the second minute of the game with one of the strangest goals of the tournament.

Forward Jorge Luis Rodriguez, a wisp of a player with a brilliant burst of speed, went for a long lofted ball just inside the Canadian penalty box. So did Canadian full-back Bobby Lenarduzzi. Both reached for it, the ball bounced off Lenarduzzi's toe, off Rodriguez's toe and towards the Canadian goal. Next thing it was in the net, past startled goalkeeper Tino Lettieri, who plays for Minnesota Kicks of the NASL.

Lettieri appeared to be mesmerised by the ball, getting down late and allowing it to slide beneath him.

"I couldn't believe it," said Lenarduzzi later. "It wasn't even a shot. He just got a toe on it and toe-poked it away from me."

Canada equalised, but not until four minutes of the second half, by which time the Cuban goal had taken a fearful pounding, 10 white shirts were deployed in front of Martinez like a wall and the sole tactic of the Cuban defence was to kick the ball as far upfield as possible to gain a breather.

Time-wasting was a major tactic. As early as 20 minutes into the game, sweeper Carlos Laredo was yellow-carded for taking an interminable amount of time to take a goal-kick.

Wes McLeod, the Vancouver-born midfielder who plays for Tampa Bay Rowdies, scored the Canadian goal — a tap-in from right in front after striker Branko Segota had made a defence-splitting run down the right flank and rapped across a low drive from the goal-line.

Unfortunately for the Canadians, who continued to pound away, the pushed-up defence became slack.

Wall pass

Little winger Ramon Nunez, easily the best of the Cubans, sped downfield on a breakaway, executed a smart wall pass with the supporting Rodriguez past Lenarduzzi, and beat Lettieri through the keeper's legs to give Cuba a surprising and totally-undeserved 2-1 lead.

Sweeper Iarusci, joining his forwards in the Canadian onslaught, tied it again moments later, rapping in a seven-yard drive from a free-kick by substitute defender Bob Bolitho of Fort Lauderdale Strikers.

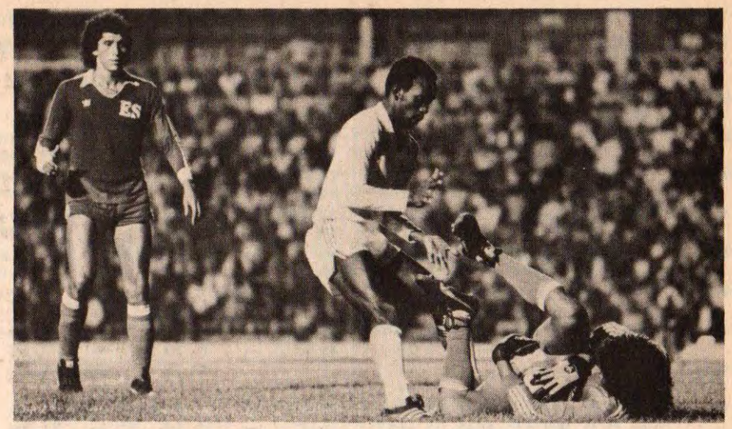
But the goal that would have sent Canada to the World Cup finals for the first time, wouldn't come.

Against Honduras the following day, Mexico appeared to have no such desire. Apart from the one golden opportunity for Sanchez, the final game appeared destined to end scoreless, and El Salvador became the unlikely partners for Honduras on the flight to Spain.

But it was a tournament that almost any of the six countries might have won — or at least finished in the top two.

Honduras showed the benefit of two years of build-up and were the most "together" team of the six. Forwards Roberto Figueroa and Jorge Urquia are tall, rangy and fast, and behind them captain Ramon Maradiaga was probably the best individual player in the tournament.

The defence, marshalled by Costly (whose younger brother Junior Costly, is a tall lithe substitute for either of the twin strikers) gives little away and is quick to initiate counter-attacks.



El Salvador goalkeeper Luis Mora clutches the ball as Junior Costly of Honduras moves in.

Haiti and Cuba were both high on emotion and early-game dominance, but lacked the desire to fight for 50-50 balls, particularly in the opposing half of the field. Once having lost possession, the Cubans immediately retreated en masse into their own end, to await whatever came at them.

El Salvador had similar problems in attack, but a resolute defence. Their star is undoubtedly captain Jose Norberto Huezo, who lines up on the right side of midfield but covers an enormous amount of territory and is fierce in the tackle. Goalie Luis Ricardo Guevara is a cool, efficient goalkeeper, as his one conceded goal in the five games of the tournament indicates.

Which leaves Mexico, the almost-inevitable qualifier from this region. But this time the Mexicans were a disorganised mystery.

Sanchez always looked dangerous but was chopped unmercifully — and finally was forced to sit out one game (against Canada) after receiving two yellow cards — for retaliation.

Veteran goalkeeper Francisco Castrejon, appeared shaky on numerous occasions and now seems destined to hand over permanently to his agile rival Prudencio Cortes.

But there were widespread rumours of discontent in the Mexican camp throughout the tournament and there was none of the ebullient demeanor one associates with Mexican teams of the past.

Leonardo Cuellar of San Diego Sockers, the midfield general, was unaccountably dropped for the final key game against Honduras and was not even listed as one of the two substitutes. Clearly it is rebuilding time.

Overall the CONCACAF tournament was a disappointment in standards. More goals resulted from mistakes rather than from clever build-up and caution was the byword in almost every game.

Officiating was the brightest note. With the possible exception of Trinidad's Downer Osmond, who had a most miserable time in the game between El Salvador and Haiti, the officials earned full marks for controlling a regional tournament which has been known in the past for violent scenes and regrettable incidents.

But on the basis of Tegucigalpa 1981, it is not difficult to forecast an early retreat from spain for both the qualifiers from Confederación Norte Centroamericana y del Caribe de Fütbol.

November 1 — Tegucigalpa
Mexico 4 (Castro 18, Sanchez 42, 49, Manzo 53)
Cuba 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 45,000. **Ref:** Mendez (Guatemala).
Mexico: Cortes; Lopez, Vargas, Alvarez, Toribio; Munguia, Cuellar, Mendizabel; Manzo, Castro, Sanchez.
Cuba: Reynoso; Sanchez, Delgado, Dreke, Povea; Lara, Farinas, Carranza; Roldan, Nunez, Pereyra.

November 2 — Tegucigalpa
Canada 1 (Stojanovic 89)
El Salvador 0
HT: 0-0. Att: 45,000.
Canada: Lettieri; Lenarduzzi, Iarusci, McGrane, Wilson; Gray, Gant, Sweeney; Mitchell (Sweetzer 67), Stojanovic, Segota.
El Salvador: Guevara; Osorto, Joved, Rodriguez, Recinos; Quinteros, Rugama, Montoya; Aquino, Quintanilla (Miguel Gonzalez), Jorge Gonzalez.

November 3
Honduras 4 (Bueso 35, Urquia 40, Laing 64, Figueroa 74)
Haiti 0
HT: 2.0. **Att:** 50,000. **Ref:** Jose Aragao (Brazil).
Honduras: Arzu; Gutierrez, Costly, Villegas, Buines; Maradiaga, Toledo, Bueso (Bernardez), Laing, Urquia (Caballero), Figueroa.
Haita: Piquaint; Kadet, Vielot, Allen, Romulus (Velima), Mondesir, Sanon, Jean Joseph (Jean Baptiste), Mathieu, Auguste, Bobo.

November 6
Haiti 1 (Romulus 34)
Canada 1 (Stojanovic 53)
HT: 1-0. **Ref:** Regaldo (Guatemala).
Haiti: Piquant; Cadet, Vielot, Allen, Mondesir, Mathieu, Romulus, Sanon, Baptiste, Velima, Bobo.
Canada: Lettiera; Lenarduzzi (Bolitho 45), Iarusci, McGrane, Wilson; Gray, Gant, Sweeney; Sweetzer (Mitchell 80), Stojanovic, Segota.

November 6 — Tegucigalpa
Mexico 0
El Salvador 1 (Hernandez 81)
HT: 0-0. **Ref:** Jose Aragoa (Brazil).
Mexico: Cortes; Lopez, Alvarez, Vargas, Trejo; Cuellar, Manzo (Pajarito), Mendizabal; Munguia, Castro, Sanchez.
El Salvador: Guevara; Osorto (Arvealo), Joval, Fagoaga, Recinos; Alfaro, Huezo, Rugamas (Ventura); Gonzalez, Aquino (Alonso), Hernandez.

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THIS chart shows the number of times each of the World Cup finalists have played each other. The top four figures indicate games-won-drawn-lost; the lower two figures indicate goals for and against. Internationals included are ONLY those played between A selections, thus excluding Olympic matches, for example, except where such games were specifically recognised as senior internationals.

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BRZ	— —	67-22-18-27 96-118	7-4-3-0 10-4	2-1-0-1 6-5	xxx xxx	— —	41-32-5-4 102-35	— —	15-8-5-2 24-12	— —	12-7-4-1 19-9	5-3-1-1 13-8	BRZ
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ALGERIA appear in the finals for the first time, appropriately in the year in which they celebrate 20 years since national independence and the foundation of the Fédération Algérienne de Football. Before these recent qualifiers — in which they defeated Nigeria 2-0, 2-1 in the last round — they had never previously strayed before the second round of the African section.

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BRAZIL are the only nation to have appeared in the World Cup finals on 11 past occasions.

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CHINA'S success in reaching Spain marks real progress for football in a country where young people are now taking up a sport once a bad third in popularity behind table tennis and basketball. Attendances at national and international matches have passed the 10 million total — remarkable considering the disruptions the sport suffered during the Cultural Revolution of 1966-76. Top players are allowed better than average food, particularly a bigger meat allowance. They are amateurs, but receive bonuses for results. The league is divided into first and second divisions of 16 teams, both split into four to obviate lengthy travelling. Promotion and relegation works on the four-up, four-down system. The best-known player is a Canton man, Rong Zhihang, 33, named in 1979 and 1980 as one of China's top ten sportsmen. He was brilliant in the home game against Kuwait, scoring the first goal and making two more in the 3-0 win.

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DER BOMBER, Gerd Müller, holds the record for total goals in finals tournaments. He scored 14 in 1970 and 1974. Other leading overall scorers: 13, Fontaine (Fr); 12, Pele (Brz); 11, Rahn (WG), Kocsis (Hun); 10, Cubillas (Peru); 9, Vava, Leonidas, Jairzinho (Brz), Lato (Pol), Eusebio (Port), Seeler (WG), Stabile (Uru).

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EUROPE will probably have three past Footballers of the Year in Spain — Karl-Heinz Rummenigge (WG), Oleg Blokhin (Russia) and Kevin Keegan (Eng).

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FIFA president Joao Havelange took over on defeating Sir Stanley Rous in 1974. Havelange is a one-time Olympic water-polo player and former head of the Brazilian sports confederation (the CBD). The enlargement of the World Cup finals and launching of the World Youth Cup are two of his major innovations. At one stage Havelange hinted he might retire this summer — now he appears intent on carrying on for four more years.

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SPA	— —	7-4-2-1 11-9	21-6-8-7 21-30	— —	5-3-2-0 12-4	1-1-0-0 3-1	4-3-0-1 11-6	3-1-1-1 3-3	6-2-2-2 11-13	xxx xxx	11-3-3-5 12-15	11-5-4-2 11-8	SPA
W.G.	— —	26-10-7-9 60-58	17-3-5-9 23-30	— —	5-4-1-0 15-6	1-1-0-0 3-1	13-9-4-0 24-7	9-7-0-2 33-8	9-2-4-3 13-16	11-5-3-3 15-12	xxx xxx	20-12-1-7 34-24	W.G.
YUG	— —	26-4-9-13 34-51	15-4-4-7 20-22	— —	2-1-0-1 1-1	1-1-0-0 2-1	17-8-3-6 14-38	14-1-4-9 14-29	5-0-4-1 6-8	11-2-4-5 8-11	20-7-1-12 24-34	xxx xxx	YUG

GOAL-scoring in the finals has declined over the years. But the average still remains 3.41 per game overall, for 1,050 goals have been scored in 308 matches since the finals were launched in 1930. The commonest individual results have been 1-0 and 2-1 — each score has been recorded in 44 matches. The finals have seen 23 goalless draws, and there hasn't been a goal in the opening match since 1962. The record finals win is 9-0 — by Hungary against South Korea in 1954, and by Yugoslavia against Zaire in 1974.

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HALF of the total number of all-time qualifiers come from Europe — 24 out of 47 countries. Eight have come from South America, five from Africa, six from Asia/Oceania and four from North/Central America.

IT'S likely that three past winners of the South American Footballer of the Year poll will appear in Spain — Elias Figueroa (Chile), Diego Maradona and Mario Kempes (Argentina).

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JET of Tizi-Ouzo gave Algerian football an extra fillip when they beat Vita Club of Kinshasa 4-0 in the first leg of the African Champions' Cup.

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KUWAIT are the minnows of the finals, with only 1,638 registered players. They have entered the World Cup on only two previous occasions, in 1974 and 1978. Coach Carlos Alberto Parreira is NOT the Carlos Alberto who captained Brazil to the 1970 World Cup win and later played for New York Cosmos, but he is Brazilian. It was interesting that Kuwait (who invested in Brazilian know-how) finished top of the Asia/Oceania qualifiers, while Saudi Arabia (who invested in English know-how) finished bottom.

LOOKS like a February decision on the referees for the finals. Preliminary discussions have already been held and likely lists drawn up.

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MICHEL HIDALGO of France, Enzo Bearzot of Italy and Cesar Menotti of Argentina are the only three managers of 1978 finalists still holding down their jobs.

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NO challengers this time to the record of Antonio Carvajal. The Mexican remains the only player to have appeared in the finals on five occasions, keeping goal in 1950, 1954, 1958, 1962 and 1966.

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ON the domestic front in Spain Barcelona, inspired by their recalcitrant midfielder Bernd Schuster, lead the way from champions Real Sociedad and Real Madrid. Schuster's refusal to play for West Germany in the finals is all the more disappointing in view of his present form . . . in other developments Atletico Madrid recalled as coach Jose Luis Garcia Traid, whom they sacked on the eve of the season, after the resignation of his successor, Luis Carriega! . . . the Castellon-Espanol first division game was abandoned in the 85th minute because of crowd trouble, with the visitors winning

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Group 1

Results so far: Finland 0, Bulgaria 2 — Albania 2, Finland 0 — Finland 0, Austria 2 — Bulgaria 2, Albania 1 — Austria 5, Albania 0 — Bulgaria 1, West Germany 3 — Albania 0, Austria 1 — Albania 0, West Germany 2 — West Germany 2, Austria 0 — Bulgaria 4, Finland 0 — Finland 0, West Germany 4 — Austria 2, Bulgaria 0 — Austria 5, Finland 1 — Finland 2, Albania 1 — West Germany 7, Finland 1 — Austria 1, West Germany 3 — Albania 0, Bulgaria 2 — Bulgaria 0, Austria 0 — West Germany 8, Albania 0 — West Germany 4, Bulgaria 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
WEST GERMANY	8	8	0	0	33	3	16
Austria	8	5	1	2	16	6	11
Bulgaria	8	4	1	3	11	10	9
Albania	8	1	0	7	4	22	2
Finland	8	1	0	7	4	27	2

WEST GERMANY, AUSTRIA QUALIFY

Group 2

Results so far: Cyprus 2, Rep. Ireland 3 — Rep. Ireland 2, Holland 1 — Cyprus 0, France 7 — Rep. Ireland 1, Belgium 1 — France 2, Rep. Ireland 0 — Belgium 1, Holland 0 — Rep. Ireland 6, Cyprus 0 — Cyprus 0, Belgium 2 — Belgium 3, Cyprus 2 — Holland 3, Cyprus 0 — Holland 1, France 0 — Belgium 1, Rep. Ireland 0 — France 3, Belgium 2 — Cyprus 0, Holland 1 — Holland 2, Rep. Ireland 2 — Belgium 2, France 0 — Holland 3, Belgium 0 — Rep. Ireland 3, France 2 — France 2, Holland 0 — France 4, Cyprus 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BELGIUM	8	5	1	2	12	9	11
France	8	5	0	3	20	8	10
Rep. Ireland	8	4	2	2	17	11	10
Holland	8	4	1	3	11	7	9
Cyprus	8	0	0	8	4	29	0

BELGIUM, FRANCE QUALIFY

Group 3

Results so far: Iceland 0, Wales 4 — Iceland 1, Russia 2 — Turkey 1, Iceland 3 — Russia 5, Iceland 0 — Wales 4, Turkey 0 — Wales 1, Czechoslovakia 0 — Czechoslovakia 2, Turkey 0 — Turkey 0, Wales 1 — Turkey 0, Czechoslovakia 3 — Czechoslovakia 6, Iceland 1 — Wales 0, Russia 0 — Iceland 2, Turkey 0 — Czechoslovakia 2, Wales 0 — Russia 4, Turkey 0 — Iceland 1, Czechoslovakia 1 — Turkey 0, Russia 3 — Wales 2, Iceland 2 — Russia 2, Czechoslovakia 0 — Russia 3, Wales 0 — Czechoslovakia 1, Russia 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
RUSSIA	8	6	2	0	20	2	14
Czechoslovakia	8	4	2	2	15	6	10
Wales	8	4	2	2	12	7	10
Iceland	8	2	2	4	10	21	6
Turkey	8	0	0	8	1	22	0

RUSSIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA QUALIFY

Group 4

Results: England 4, Norway 0 — Norway 1, Rumania 1 — Rumania 2, England 1 — Switzerland 1, Norway 2 — England 2, Switzerland 1 — Switzerland 2, Hungary 2 — England 0, Rumania 0 — Hungary 1, Rumania 0 — Norway 1, Hungary 2 — Switzerland 2, England 1 — Hungary 1, England 3 — Rumania 1, Norway 0 — Norway 1, Switzerland 1 — Norway 2, England 1 — Rumania 0, Hungary 0 — Rumania 1, Switzerland 2 — Hungary 3, Switzerland 0 — Hungary 4, Norway 1 — Switzerland 0, Rumania 0 — England 1, Hungary 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
HUNGARY	8	4	2	2	13	8	10
England	8	4	1	3	13	8	9
Rumania	8	2	4	2	5	5	8
Switzerland	8	2	3	3	9	12	7
Norway	8	2	2	4	8	15	6

HUNGARY, ENGLAND QUALIFY

Group 5

Results so far: Luxembourg 0, Yugoslavia 5 — Yugoslavia 2, Denmark 1 — Luxembourg 0, Italy 2 — Denmark 0, Greece 1 — Italy 2, Denmark 0 — Italy 2, Yugoslavia 0 — Denmark 4, Luxembourg 0 — Greece 0, Italy 2 — Greece 2, Luxembourg 0 — Luxembourg 0, Greece 2 — Yugoslavia 5, Greece 1 — Luxembourg 1, Denmark 2 — Denmark 3, Italy 1 — Denmark 1, Yugoslavia 2 — Greece 2, Denmark 3 — Yugoslavia 1, Italy 1 — Italy 1, Greece 1 — Yugoslavia 5, Luxembourg 0 — Greece 1, Yugoslavia 2 — Italy 1, Luxembourg 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
YUGOSLAVIA	8	6	1	1	22	7	13
Italy	8	5	2	1	12	5	12
Denmark	8	4	0	4	14	11	8
Greece	8	3	1	4	10	13	7
Luxembourg	8	0	0	8	1	23	0

YUGOSLAVIA, ITALY QUALIFY

Group 6

Results: Israel 0, N. Ireland 0 — Sweden 1, Israel 1 — Sweden 0, Scotland 1 — N. Ireland 3, Sweden 0 — Scotland 0, Portugal 0 — Israel 0, Sweden 0 — Portugal 1, N. Ireland 0 — Portugal 3, Israel 0 — Israel 0, Scotland 1 — Scotland 1, N. Ireland 1 — Scotland 3, Israel 1 — N. Ireland 1, Portugal 0 — Scotland 2, Sweden 0 — Portugal 1, Sweden 2 — N. Ireland 0, Scotland 0 — Israel 4, Portugal 1 — N. Ireland 1, Israel 0 — Portugal 2, Scotland 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SCOTLAND	8	4	3	1	9	4	11
N. Ireland	8	3	3	2	6	3	9
Sweden	8	3	2	3	7	8	8
Portugal	8	3	1	4	8	11	7
Israel	8	1	3	4	6	10	5

SCOTLAND, NORTHERN IRELAND QUALIFY

Group 7

Results: Malta 0, Poland 2 — Malta 1, E. Germany 2 — Poland 1, E. Germany 0 — E. Germany 2, Poland 3 — E. Germany 5, Malta 1 — Poland 6, Malta 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
POLAND	4	4	0	0	12	2	8
E. Germany	4	2	0	2	9	6	4
Malta	4	0	0	4	2	15	0

POLAND QUALIFY

AFRICA

1st round results: (two-leg knock-out formula) — Zambia bt Ethiopia 0-0, 4-0 — Algeria bt Sierra Leone 2-2, 3-1 — Nigeria bt Tunisia 0-2, 2-0 (4-3 pens) — Madagascar walk-over v Uganda — Morocco bt Senegal 1-0, 0-0 — Zaire bt Mozambique 5-2, 2-1 — Cameroon bt Malawi 3-0, 1-1 — Guinea bt Lesotho 3-1, 1-1 — Libya bt Gambia 2-1, 0-0 — Niger bt Somalia 0-0, 1-0 — Egypt walk-over v Ghana — Tanzania bt Kenya 1-3, 5-0.

2nd round (two-leg knock-out formula) — Egypt walkover v Libya — Algeria bt Sudan 2-0, 1-1 — Niger bt Togo 0-1, 2-1 (on away goals) — Guinea bt Liberia 1-1, 1-0 — Cameroon bt Zimbabwe 2-0, 0-1 — Morocco bt Zambia 2-0, 0-2 (7-6 pens) — Nigeria bt Tanzania 1-1, 2-0 — Zaire bt Madagascar 1-1, 3-2.

3rd round: Algeria bt Niger 4-0, 0-1 — Nigeria bt Guinea 1-1, 1-0 — Morocco bt Egypt 1-0, 0-0 — Cameroon bt Zaire 0-1, 6-1.

4th round: Algeria bt Nigeria 2-0, 2-1 — Cameroon bt Morocco 2-0, 2-1.

ALGERIA, CAMEROON QUALIFY

ASIA AND OCEANIA

Group 1: New Zealand 3, Australia 3 — Fiji 0, N. Zealand 4 — Taiwan 0, N. Zealand 0 — Indonesia 0, N. Zealand 2 — Australia 0, N. Zealand 2 — Australia 2, Indonesia 0 — N. Zealand 5, Indonesia 0 — N. Zealand 2, Taiwan 0 — Fiji 0, Indonesia 0 — Fiji 2, Taiwan 1 — Australia 3, Taiwan 2 — Indonesia 1, Taiwan 0 — Taiwan 2, Indonesia 0 — Fiji 1, Australia 4 — Taiwan 0, Fiji 0 — Indonesia 3, Fiji 3 — Australia 10, Fiji 0 — N. Zealand 13, Fiji 0 — Taiwan 0, Australia 0 — Indonesia 1, Australia 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
New Zealand	8	6	2	0	31	3	14
Australia	8	4	2	2	22	9	10
Indonesia	8	2	2	4	5	14	6
Taiwan	8	1	3	4	5	8	5
Fiji	8	1	3	4	6	35	5

Group 2 (all matches played in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia): Iraq 1, Qatar 0 — Syria 0, Bahrain 1 — Iraq 0, Saudia Arabia 1 — Bahrain 0, Qatar 3 — Syria 0, S. Arabia 2 — Iraq 2, Bahrain 0 — Syria 1, Qatar 2 — Bahrain 0, S. Arabia 1 — Iraq 2, Syria 1 — Qatar 0, S. Arabia 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Saudi Arabia	4	4	0	0	5	0	8
Iraq	4	3	0	1	5	2	6
Qatar	4	2	0	2	5	3	4
Bahrain	4	1	0	3	1	6	2
Syria	4	0	0	4	2	7	0

Group 3 (all matches played in Kuwait): Malaysia 1, S. Korea 2 — Kuwait 6, Thailand 0 — Thailand 1, S. Korea 5 — Kuwait 4, Malaysia 0 — Thailand 2, Malaysia 2 — Kuwait 2, S. Korea 0.

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kuwait	3	3	0	0	12	0	6
S. Korea	3	2	0	1	7	4	4
Malaysia	3	0	1	2	3	8	1
Thailand	3	0	1	2	3	13	1

Iran withdrew

Group 4 (all matches played in Hong Kong): Preliminary round: Hong Kong 0, China 1 — N. Korea 3, Macao 0 — Singapore 0, Japan 1. Group A: China 3, Macao 0 — China 1, Japan 0 — Japan 3, Macao 0. Group B: Hong Kong 1, Singapore 1 — Singapore 0, N. Korea 1 — Hong Kong 2, N. Korea 2. Semi-finals: N. Korea 1, Japan 0 — China 0, Hong Kong 0 (5-4 pens). Final: China 4, N. Korea 2 (after extra time: 90 mins 2-2).

Play-Off Group

Results so far: China 0, New Zealand 0 — New Zealand 1, China 0 — New Zealand 1, Kuwait 2 — China 3, Kuwait 0 — Saudi Arabia 0, Kuwait 1 — China 4, Saudi Arabia 2 (in Kuala Lumpur) — China 2, Saudi Arabia 0 (in Kuala Lumpur) — N. Zealand 2, S. Arabia 2 — Kuwait 2, S. Arabia 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kuwait	5	4	0	1	6	4	8
China	6	3	1	2	9	4	7
New Zealand	4	1	2	1	4	4	4
Saudi Arabia	5	0	1	4	4	11	1

Last matches: December 14, Kuwait v New Zealand; December 19, Saudi Arabia v New Zealand.

KUWAIT QUALIFY

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SOUTH AMERICA
Group 1

Results: Venezuela 0, Brazil 1 — Bolivia 3, Venezuela 0 — Bolivia 1, Brazil 2 — Venezuela 1, Bolivia 0 — Brazil 3, Bolivia 1 — Brazil 5, Venezuela 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BRAZIL	4	4	0	0	11	2	8
Bolivia	4	1	0	3	5	6	2
Venezuela	4	1	0	3	1	9	2

BRAZIL QUALIFY

Group 2

Results: Colombia 1, Peru 1 — Uruguay 3, Colombia 2 — Peru 2, Colombia 0 — Uruguay 1, Peru 2 — Peru 0, Uruguay 0 — Colombia 1, Uruguay 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
PERU	4	2	2	0	5	2	6
Uruguay	4	1	2	1	5	5	4
Colombia	4	0	2	2	4	7	2

PERU QUALIFY

Group 3

Results: Ecuador 1, Paraguay 0 — Ecuador 0, Chile 0 — Paraguay 3, Ecuador 1 — Paraguay 0, Chile 1 — Chile 2, Ecuador 0 — Chile 3, Paraguay 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CHILE	4	3	1	0	6	0	7
Ecuador	4	1	1	2	2	5	3
Paraguay	4	1	0	3	3	6	2

CHILE QUALIFY

NORTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA (CONCACAF)
Northern Zone

Results: Canada 1, Mexico 1 — USA 0, Canada 0 — Canada 2, USA 1 — Mexico 5, USA 1 — Mexico 1, Canada 1 — USA 2 Mexico 1. (Group completed.)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Canada	4	1	3	0	4	3	5
Mexico	4	1	2	1	8	5	4
USA	4	1	1	2	4	8	3

CENTRAL ZONE

Results: Panama 0, Guatemala 2 — Panama 0, Honduras 2 — Panama 1, Costa Rica 1 — Panama 1, El Salvador 3 — Costa Rica 2, Honduras 3 — El Salvador 4, Panama 1 — Guatemala 0, Costa Rica 0 — Honduras 2, El Salvador 0 — Honduras 0, Guatemala 0 — El Salvador 2, Costa Rica 0 (result awarded because Costa Rica refused to play in El Salvador) — Costa Rica 2, Panama 0 — Guatemala 0, El Salvador 0 — Guatemala 5, Panama 0 — Honduras 1, Costa Rica 1 — El Salvador 2, Honduras 1 — Costa Rica 0, Guatemala 3 — Guatemala 0, Honduras 1 — Costa Rica 0, El Salvador 0 — Honduras 5, Panama 0 — El Salvador 1, Guatemala 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
HONDURAS	8	5	2	1	15	5	12
El Salvador	8	5	2	1	12	5	12
Guatemala	8	3	3	2	10	2	9
Costa Rica	8	1	4	3	6	10	6
Panama	8	0	1	7	3	24	1

CARIBBEAN ZONE

Sub-group A: Guyana 5, Grenada 2 — Grenada 2, Guyana 3.

Group A Results: Cuba 3, Surinam 0 — Surinam 0, Cuba 0 — Guyana 0, Surinam 1 — Surinam 4, Guyana 0 — Cuba 1, Guyana 0 — Guyana 0, Cuba 3.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cuba	4	3	1	1	7	0	7
Surinam	4	2	1	1	5	3	5
Guyana	4	0	0	4	0	9	0

Group B Results: Haiti 2, Trinidad & Tobago 0 — Trinidad & Tobago 1, Haiti 0 — Netherlands Antilles 1, Haiti 1 — Haiti 1, Netherlands Antilles 0 — Trinidad & Tobago 0, Netherlands Antilles 0 — Netherlands Antilles 0, Trinidad & Tobago 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Haiti	4	2	1	1	4	2	5
Trinidad & Tobago	4	1	2	1	1	2	4
Neth. Antilles	4	0	3	1	1	2	3

PLAY-OFF GROUP (Two go to Spain) to be played in Honduras

Results so far: Mexico 4, Cuba 0 — Canada 1, El Salvador 0 — Honduras 4, Haiti 0 — Haiti 1, Canada 1 — Mexico 0, El Salvador 1 — Honduras 2, Cuba 0 — El Salvador 0, Cuba 0 — Mexico 1, Haiti 1 — Honduras 2, Canada 1 — Haiti 0, Cuba 2 — Mexico 1, Canada 1 — Honduras 0, El Salvador 0 — Haiti 0, El Salvador 1 — Cuba 2, Canada 2 — Honduras 0, Mexico 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
HONDURAS	5	3	2	0	8	1	8
El Salvador	5	2	2	1	2	1	6
Canada	5	1	3	1	6	6	5
Mexico	5	1	3	1	6	3	5
Cuba	5	1	2	2	4	8	4
Haiti	5	0	2	3	2	9	2

HONDURAS & EL SALVADOR QUALIFY

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November 8 — Tegucigalpa
Honduras 2 (Bueso 36, Costly 69)
Cuba
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 50,000. **Ref:** Siles (Costa Rica).

Honduras: Arzu; Gutierrez, Villegas, Costly, Cortes; Maradiaga, Toledo, Bueso; Laing (Caballero), Urquia (Bailey), Figueroa.

Cuba: Reynoso; Povea, Delgado, Loredo, Sanchez; Lara, Pereira, Carranza; Roldan (Gonzalez), Nunez, Farinas.

November 11 — Tegucigalpa
El Salvador 0
Cube 0
NT: 0-0.

El Salvador: Guevara; Joval, Quinteros, Recinos, Alfaro, Osorto, Huezo, Guerrero, Hernandez, Alonso, Gonzalez.

Cuba: Reynoso; Poveda, Carranza, Sanchez, Farinas, Lara, Delgado, Nunez, Laredo, Pereira, Roldan.

November 11 — Tegucigalpa
Mexico 1 (Sanchez 87)
Haiti 1 (Cadet 47)
HT: 0-0.

Mexico: Cortes; Trejo, Tena, Alvarez, Toribio; Vargas, Lopez Zarza, Cuellar; Manzo, Castro, Sanchez.

Haiti: Piquant; Vielot, Cadet, Auguste, Mondesir; Mathieu, Romulus, Baptiste; Sanon, Velima, Bobo.

November 12 — Tegucigalpa
Honduras 2 (Caballero 12, Figueroa 40)
Canada 1 (Bridge 19)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 50,000. **Ref:** Mendes (Guatemala)

Honduras: Arzu; Gutierrez, Villegas, Costly, Maradiaga, Zelaya, Figueroa, Bueso (Toledo), Caballero, Buines, Urquia (Bailey).

Canada: Lettieria: Lenarduzzi, Iarusci, Bridge, Wilson; Gray, McLeod, Ciaccia (McLenaghen 45), Sweeney: Stojanovic, Segota.

November 15
Haiti 0
Cuba 2 (Mathieu og, Nunez)
HT: 0-0. **Ref:** Bijlhout (Sudan)

Haiti: Joseph; Cadet, Allen, Mondesir, Mathieu, Romulus, Bobo, Sanon, Jean-Baptiste, Velima (Auguste), Louis (Jean-Louis).

Cuba: Jose Reynoso; Loredo, Povea, Carrazana, Delcado (C. J. Rodriguez), Lara, Farinas, Roldan, Nunez, Pereira (J. L. Rodriguez), Sanchez.

Canada 1 (Bridge 58)
Mexico 1 (Castro 24)
HT: 0-1. **Ref:** Socha (US).

Canada: Lettieri; Lenarduzzi, Bridge, Iarusci, Wilson, Gant (Sweeney), Gray, Sweeney, McLeod, Stojanovic (Sweetzer), Segota.

Mexico: Cortes; Trejo, Toribio, Vargas, Quirarte, Boy, Cuellar, Lopez, Munguia (Negreto), Castro (Camacho), Pajarito.

November 16
Honduras 0
El Salvador 0

Honduras: Julio Cesar Arzu; Efrain Gutierrez, Jaime Villegas, Fernando Bulnas, Anthony Costly, Ramon Maradiaga, Javier Toledo, Roberto Figueroa, Junior Costly (Urquia), Carlos Orlando Caballero, Salvador Bernardes.

El Salvador: Luis Ricardo Guevara; Jose Francisco Jovel, Jaime Alberto Rodriguez, Carlos Humberto Recinos, Francisco Salvador Osorto, Juan Gilberto Quinteros, Jose Norberto Huezo, Jose Luis Rugamas (Guillermo Gonzalez), Jorge Alberto, Gonzalez, Francisco Ever, Silvio Romeo (Mauricio Quintanilia).

November 19
El Salvador 1 (Huezo pen)
Haiti 0

El Salvador: Luis Ricardo Guevara; Jose Francisco Jovel (Angel Diaz), Ramon Alfredo Fagoaga, Carlos Humberto Recinos, Francisco Savador Osorto, Mauricio Alberto Alfaro, Jose, Norberto Huezo, Jose Luis Rugamas, Francisco Ever, Miguel Guillermo Gonzalez (Silvio Romeo), Mauricio Quintanilla.

Haiti: Gerard Joseph; Goebels Cadet, Guy Allen (Jean-Louis), Shiller Mondesir, Frantz Mathieu, Gerald Romulus, Emanuel Sanon, Ernst Jean-Baptiste, Jacques Louis (Fritz Bobo), Maxime Auguste, Hugo Pierre.

November 21 — Tegucigalpa
Cuba 2 (Rodriguez, Nunez)
Canada 2 (McLeod 48, Iarusci 84).
HT: 0.1. **Ref:** Pagano (Peru)

Cuba: Quezada; Povea, Loredo, Carrazana, Sanchez; Delgado, Lara, Farinas (Gonzalez); Roldan (Lopez), Rodriguez, Nunez.

Canada: Lettieri; Lenarduzzi, Iarusci, Bridge, Wilson; McLeod, Gray, Sweeney (Gant 68); Mitchell (Bolitho 75), Stojanovic, Segota.

November 22 — Tegucigalpa
Honduras 0
Mexico 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 50,000. **Ref:** David Socha (USA).

Honduras: Arzu; Gutierrez, Anthony Costly, Villegas, Buines; Maradiaga, Zelaya, Bernardez; Caballero (Murillo 81), Urquia (Junior Costly 69), Figueroa.

Mexico: Castrejon; Lopez, Quirarte, Alvarez, Trejo; Vargas, Lopez, Zarza (Boy 70), Mendizabal; Castro, Manzo, Sanchez.

FINAL STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Honduras	5	3	2	0	8	1	8
El Salvador	5	2	2	1	2	1	6
Mexico	5	1	3	1	6	3	5
Canada	5	1	3	1	6	6	5
Cuba	5	1	2	2	4	8	4
Haiti	5	0	2	3	2	9	2

World Cup special

THE 24 WHO WILL GO TO SPAIN

Both China and New Zealand have been included in this section although only one will go to Spain.

ALGERIA

Federation Algerienne de Football. Founded 1962. Joined FIFA 1963. Colours: green/white/red. Reserve: all white. Players' category: part-time/amateur. National stadium: Stade Olympique, Algiers — 80,000 (all seated). Population: 18 million. Reg. players: 58,567.

World Cup record: Never previously in finals.

Manager: Yevgeni Rogov, aged 52, Russian. Appointed July 1981.

Standard team: Cerbah — Larbes, Kourichi, Guendouz, Mansouri — Kaci Said, Mayouz, Belloumi — Madjer, Zidane, Gamouh (Dahleb).

Notes: Making their first appearance in the finals. Rely heavily on the experience of French league-based team members such as Nordine Kourichi in defence and Mustafa Dahleb in attack. Lakhdar Belloumi is rated one of the best-ever African talents.

ARGENTINA

Asociacion del Futbol Argentino. Founded 1893. Joined FIFA 1912. Colours: blue and white stripes/black/blue. Reserve: all blue. Players' category: professional. National stadium: Estadio Monumental de River Plate — 76,000. Population 25.5 million. Reg. players: 299,895.

World Cup finals record: 1930, runners-up. 1958 and 1962, first round. 1966, quarter finals. 1974, second round. 1978, CHAMPIONS.

Manager: Cesar Luis Menotti, 43. Appointed August 1974.

Standard team: Fillol — Olguin, L. Galvan, Passarella, Tarantini — Ardiles (Barbas), Gallego, Maradona — Amuchastegui, Ramon Diaz, Kempes.

Notes: The holders recently lost 2-1 at home in a friendly against Poland, but are nevertheless preparing carefully — as demonstrated by their summer tour of Spain. Diego Maradona's recent absence from the team will not affect his place in the side in the finals. Otherwise, few changes in view.

AUSTRIA

Oesterreichischer Fussball-Bund. Founded 1904. Joined FIFA 1905. Colours: white/black/black. Reserve: red/white/red. Players' category: professional. National stadium: Prater, Vienna — 70,714 (39,716 seated). Population 7,457,000. Reg. players: 254,657.

World Cup finals record: 1934, fourth. 1954, third. 1958, first round. 1978, second round.

Manager: Karl Stotz, 55. Appointed September 1978.

Standard team: Feurer (Koncilia) — Krauss, Weber, Pezzey, Mirnegg — Prohaska, Hintermaier, Hattenberger, Jara — Krankl, Schachner (Keglevits).

Notes: Revived during the last finals. Problem for manager Stotz is welding home-based players with foreign-based stars who have little opportunity to train with their colleagues.

BELGIUM

Union Royale Belge des Societes de Football-Association. Founded 1895. Joined FIFA 1904. Colours: all white. Reserve: red/black/yellow. Players category: part-time/professional. National stadium: Heysel, Brussels — 70,000 (19,000 seated). Population: 9,823,302. Reg. Players: 279,420.

World Cup finals record: 1930, first round. 1934, first round. 1938, first round. 1954, first round. 1970, first round.

Manager: Guy Thys, 60. Appointed August 1977.

Standard team: Pfaff — Gerets, Meeuws, Millecamps, Renquin — Vandereycken, Van Moer, Coeck, Vercauteren — Vandenbergh, Ceulemans.

Notes: Runners-up in the 1980 European championship. Problem in midfield, where Van Moer is in veteran stage and Coeck is frequently injured.

BRAZIL

Confederacao Brasileira do Futebol. Founded 1914 (reorganised 1979). Joined FIFA 1923. Colours: yellow/blue/white. Reserve: blue/white/white. Players' category: professional. National stadium: Mario Filho 'Maracana', Rio de Janeiro — 220,000 (178,000 seated), the world's largest football stadium). Population: 110 million. Reg. players: 112,756.

World Cup finals record: 1930, first round. 1934, first round. 1938, third. 1950, runners-up. 1954, quarter final, 1958, CHAMPIONS. 1962, CHAMPIONS. 1966, first round. 1970, CHAMPIONS. 1974, fourth. 1978, third.

Manager: Tele Santana, 50. Appointed January 1980.

Standard team: Valdir Peres — Edevaldo, Luisinho, Oscar, Junior — Toninho Cerezo, Socrates, Falcao (Batista) — Paulo Isidoro, Reinaldo (Roberto or Baltasar), Zico.

Notes: The only team to have won the World Cup three times and the only team to have completed in all the finals tournaments. Highly impressive on last European tour, winning away to England, France and European champions West Germany.

CAMEROON

Federation Camerounaise de Football. Founded 1960. Joined FIFA 1962. Colours: green/red/yellow. Reserve: yellow/green/red. Players' category: amateur. National stadium: Ahmadou Ahidjo, Yaounde — 80,000. Population: 7,081,000. Reg. players: 9,328.

World Cup finals record: Never previously qualified.

Standard team: N'Kono — Kaham, Aoudou, Doumbe, M'Bow — Kunde, Abega, Tokoto — Bahoren, Milla, N'Guea.

Manager: Branko Zutic, 40, Yugoslav. Appointed 1980.

Notes: In the finals for the first time. Have achieved much at national team level, but their clubs are famous throughout Africa for their exploits in the African Champions' and Cup-winners' Cup. Goalkeeper Henry N'Kono said to be the best-ever from Africa; forward star Roger Milla plays for the Corsican club Bastia in the French league.

CHILE

Federacion de Football de Chile. Founded 1895. Joined FIFA 1912. Colours: red/blue/white. Reserve: all white. Players' category: professional. Nation stadium: Estadio Nacional, Santiago — 76,028 (all seated). Population: 8,884,768. Reg. players: 324,422.

World Cup finals record: 1930, first round. 1950, first round. 1962, third. 1966, first round. 1974, first round.

Manager: Luis Santibanez, 44. Appointed August 1978.

Standard team: Osben — Garrido, Figueroa, Soto, Bigorra — Rojas, Neira, Dubo — Yanez, Caszely, Veliz.

Notes: Were surprisingly easy winners of a qualifying group which included South American champions, Paraguay. Rely heavily on veterans such as Elias Figuero in defence (three times South American Footballer of the Year) and striker Carlos Caszely (who played for a while in Spain with Levante and Espanol).

CHINA

All-China Athletic Federation. Founded 1949. Joined FIFA 1979. Colours: red/white/red. Reserve: all white. Players' category: amatuer. National stadium: Workers' Stadium, Peking — 100,000 (all seated). Population: 900 million. Reg. Players: N/A.

World Cup finals record: Never qualified.

Manager: Su Yong-shung, 40.

Standard team: Li Fusheng — Rong Zhi-hang, Chi Shangbin, Chen Shirong, Lin Luofeng — Cai Jinbiao, Shen Xiangfu, Huang Xiangdong — Gu Guanming, Liu Litu, Fubao.

Notes: First appearance in the World Cup since returning to the FIFA fold. Winger Gu Guanming has for some time been linked with Hamburg.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Ceskoslovensky Fotbalovy Svaz. Founded 1901. Joined FIFA 1906. Colours: red/white/blue. Reserve: all white. Players' category: state amateur. National stadium: Strahov, Prague — 60,000 (6,000 seated). Population: 15 million. Reg. Players: 352,227.

World Cup finals record: 1934, runners-up. 1938, quarter finals. 1954, first round. 1958, first round. 1962, runners-up. 1970, first round.

Manager: Josef Venglos, 54. Appointed August 1978.

Standard team: Hruska — Jakubec, Vojacek, Fiala, Barmos — Berger, Panenka, Stambachr, Jurkemik (Vizek) — Masny, Nehoda.

Notes: Twice runners-up in 1934 and 1962. The Czechs were European champions in 1976 and third in 1980, yet they haven't appeared in the World Cup finals for 12 years. Still rely heavily in attack on the Masny/Nehoda partnership.

EL SALVADOR

Federacion Salvadorena de Futbol. Founded 1935. Joined FIFA 1938. Colours: all blue. Reserve: all white. National Stadium: Flor Blanca, San Salvador — 30,000 (all seated). Population : 4.5 million. Reg. players: 16,396. Players' category: semi-professional.

World Cup finals record: 1970, first round.

Manager: Mauricio Rodriguez, 36. Appointed 1980.

Standard team: Mora — Becinos, Jovel, Osorio, Diaz — Ventura, Alfaro, Huezo — Montoya, Nunez, Gonzalez.

Notes: Earned infamy for the 'Football War' with Honduras over their matches in the 1970 qualifiers. Forward Jorge Alberto Gonzalez has been called the Central American Maradona.

ENGLAND

The Football Association. Founded 1863. Joined FIFA 1905-1920, 1924-1928, 1946. Colours: white/blue/white. Reserve: red/white/red. Players' category: professional. National stadium: Wembley — 100,000 (45,000 seated). Population: 56 million. Reg. Players: 1,505,000.

World Cup finals record: 1950, first round. 1954, quarter finals. 1958, first round. 1962, quarter finals. 1966, CHAMPIONS. 1970, quarter finals.

Manager: Ron Greenwood, 60. Appointed August 1977.

Standard team: Shilton (Clemence) — Neal, Thompson, Martin, Mills — Coppell, McDermott, Robson, Brooking — Keegan, Mariner.

Notes: Winners in 1966 and third in the European championship in 1968. But since their quarter final elimination by West Germany in Mexico in 1970, England have been absent. Manager Greenwood has kept faith in his team base throughout this 4½-year reign.

FRANCE

Federation Francaise de Football. Founded 1919. Joined FIFA 1904 (previous federation). Colours: blue/white/red. Reserve: white/blue/red. Players' category: professional. National stadium: Parc des Princes, Paris — 50,000 (all seated). Population: 52 million. Reg. Players: 1,194,189.

World Cup finals record: 1930, first round. 1934, first round. 1938, quarter finals. 1954, first round. 1958, third. 1966, first round. 1978, first round.

Manager: Michel Hidalgo, 46. Appointed January 1975.

Standard team: Castaneda — Janvion, Lopez, Tresor, Bossis — Giresse, Platini, Genghini — Rocheteau, Lacombe, Six.

Notes: Third in 1958 but have achieved little else for all their important influence in events off the field through Jules Rimet and Co. Platini was in star form in the later qualifiers. As dangerous as ever with his free kicks.

HONDURAS

Federacion Nacional Deportiva Extraescolar. Founded 1951. Joined FIFA 1951. Colours: blue/white/blue. Reserve: all white. Players' category: semi-professional. National stadium: Estadio Nacional, Tegucigalpa — 40,000. Population 3 million. Reg. players: 11.550.

World Cup finals record: Never qualified.

Manager: 'Chelato' Herrera, 39. Appointed 1979.

Standard team: Arzu — Guttierez, Costly, Villegas, Buines — Zelaya, Madariaga, Bueso — Caballero, Bailey, Figueroa.

Notes: Making their first appearance in the finals, but first earned a dubious sort of fame when involved in the 'Football War' qualifiers with El Salvador in the 1970 preliminaries. Several players first came to fame in the 1979 World Youth Cup in Japan, including key goal-scorer Jimmy Bailey.

HUNGARY

Magyar Labdarugok Szovetsege. Founded 1901. Joined FIFA 1907. Colours: red/white/green. Reserve: all white. Players' category: state amateurs. National stadium: Nepstadion, Budapest — 80,000 (75,000 seated). Population: 10.5 million. Reg. players: 138,451.

World Cup finals record: 1934, quarter finals. 1938, runners-up. 1954, runners-up. 1958, first round. 1962, quarter finals. 1966, quarter finals. 1978, first round.

Manager: Kalman Meszoly, 41. Appointed May 1980.

Standard team: Meszaros — Martos, Balint, Kerekes, Toth — Sallai, Muller, Nyilasi — Fazekas, Torocsik, Kiss.

Notes: Twice runners-up, in 1938 and 1954. The second defeat was one of the World Cup's major upsets, since the Puskas-Kocsis team had been unbeaten for four years before going down 3-2 to West Germany in Berne. All teams since have been very pale imitations. The last time Nyilasi and Torocsik appeared in a match in the World Cup finals they were sent off — against Argentina in 1978.

ITALY

Federazione Italiana Giuoco Calcio. Founded 1898. Joined FIFA 1905. Colours: blue/white/blue. Reserve: white/blue/blue. Players' category: professional. National stadium: Stadio Olimpico, Rome — 90,000 (60,000 seated). Population: 54,134,846. Reg. players: 833,564.

World Cup finals record: 1934, CHAMPIONS. 1938, CHAMPIONS. 1950, first round. 1954, first round. 1962, first round. 1966, first round. 1970, runners-up. 1974, first round. 1978, fourth.

Manager: Enzo Bearzot, 55. Appointed jointly with Filvio Bernardini 1975, sole manager 1977.

Standard team: Zoff — Gentile, Collovati, Scirea, Cabrini — Marini, Tardelli, Antognoni (Dossena) — Conti, Rossi (Graziani), Bettega.

Notes: Italy have, for 44 years, been poised to become the first European team to win the World Cup three times. They surprised themselves by finishing fourth in 1978, and still rely heavily on the Juventus backbone. Two question marks hang over the team: will Giancarlo Antognoni have recovered from his fractured skull in time to play? Will Paolo Rossi play, even though his betting-and-bribes suspension doesn't finish until April?

KUWAIT

Kuwait Football Association. Founded 1952. Joined FIFA 1962. Colours: blue/white/blue. Reserve: red/white/red. Players' category: amateur. National stadium: Al-Qadisiya Sporting Club — 25,000 (all seated). Population: 1 million. Reg. players: 1,638.

World Cup finals record: Never qualified.

Manager: Carlos Alberto Parreira, 39, Brazilian. Appointed 1978.

Notes: Kuwait surprised many people by emerging far stronger than Saudi Arabia in the qualifiers — a victory for a Brazil-backed football development over an English-backed venture! Manager Carlos Alberto is NOT the man who captained Brazil to the 1970 World Cup.

NORTHERN IRELAND

Irish Football Association. Founded 1880. Joined FIFA 1911-1920, 1924-1928, 1946. Colours: green/white/green.Reserve: white/green/green. Players' category: professional. National stadium: Windsor Park, Belfast — 58,000 (5,000 seated). Population 1,536,065. Reg. players: 17,685.

World Cup finals history: 1958, quarter finals.

Manager: Billy Bingham, 50. Appointed 1980 — second spell in charge.

Standard team: Jennings — J. Nicholl, C. Nicholl, J. O'Neill, Donaghy — M. O'Neill, McIlroy, McCreery — Brotherston, Armstrong, Hamilton.

Notes: Bingham was the Northern Ireland outside right on the only previous occasion in which they reached the finals, in Sweden in 1958. Now he's manager.

NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand Football Association. Founded 1891. Joined FIFA 1948. Colours: white/black/white. Reserve: black/white/white. Players' category: professional. National stadium: Newmarket Park, Auckland — 18,000. Population: 2,786,123. Reg. Players: 41,698.

World Cup finals history: Never qualified.

Manager: John Ashmead, 36. Appointed 1978.

Standard team: Wilson — Hill, Herbert, Almond, Elrick — Mackay, Sumner, Cole, Grant Turner — Brian Turner, Wooddin.

Notes: In the qualifiers New Zealand ran up the World Cup record score of 13-0 in beating Fiji. Skipper Stevie Sumner scored six.

World Cup special

PERU

Federacion Peruana de Futbol. Founded 1922. Joined FIFA 1922. Colours: all white. Reserve: red/white/white. Players' category: professional. National stadium: Estadio Nacional, Lima — 45,000 (all seated). Population: 13.2 million. Reg. players: 139,360.

World Cup finals record: 1930, first round. 1970, quarter finals. 1978, second round.

Manager: Tim (Elba de Padua Lima), 71, Brazilian. Appointed 1981.

Standard team: Quiroga — Duarte, Diaz, Chumpitaz, Rojas — Velasquez, Cueto, Uribe — Barbadillo, La Rosa, Oblitas (Cubillas).

Notes: Surprise qualifiers, defeating Gold Cup-winners Uruguay. Always entertaining.

POLAND

Polski Zwiazek Pilki Niznej (PZPN). Founded 1919. Joined FIFA 1923. Colours: white/red/white. Reserve: red/white/red. Players' category: state amateur. National stadium: Slaski stadium, Chorzow — 87,000 (69,000 seated). Population: 34,528,000. Reg. players: 234,052.

Wordl Cup finalsrecord: 1938, first round. 1974, third. 1978, second round.

Manager: Antonio Piechniczek, 40. Appointed January 1981.

Standard team: Mowlik — Dziuba, Zmuda, Janas, Jalocha — Matysik, Majewski, Boniek — Lato, Szarmach, Smolarek.

Notes: The Polish renaissance began a decade ago when they won the Olympic title in Munich. Since then they have distinguished themselves in the World Cup. The question is: are the young players now emerging good enough to maintain the success rate?

SCOTLAND

Scottish Football Association. Founded 1873. Joined FIFA, 1910-1920, 1924-1928, 1946. Colours: blue/white/red. Reserve: white/blue/white. Players' category: professional. National stadium: Hampden Park, Glasgow — 84,000. Population: 5,206,200. Reg. players: 109,000.

World Cup finals record: 1954, first round. 1958, first round. 1974, first round. 1978, first round.

Manager: Jock Stein, 59. Appointed September 1978.

Standard team: Rough — McGrain, Miller, Hansen, F. Gray — Strachan, Souness, Hartford — Dalglish, Jordan (Archibald), Robertson.

Notes: The only team to complete in 1974 in the finals and return home unbeaten. The Willie Johnston doping scandal soured their 1978 venture to Argentina.

SPAIN

Real Federacion Espanola de Futbol. Founded 1913. Joined FIFA 1904 (club representative). Colours: red/blue/black. Reserve: blue/blue/black. Players' category: professional. National stadium: Estadio Bernabeu, Madrid — 90,000 (45,000 seated). Population: 34.5 million. Reg. players: 202,574.

World Cup finals record: 1934, quarter finals. 1950, fourth. 1962, first round. 1966, first round. 1978, first round.

Manager: Jose Santamaria, 52, Uruguayan-born. Appointed August 1980.

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Standard team: Arconada — Camacho, Tendillo, Alesanco, Gordillo — Victor, Miguel Alonso, Zamora — Juanito, Satrustegui (Santillana/Quini), Lopez Ufarte (Marcos).

Notes: As hosts Spain are finding the pressure hard to bear. The national team have been playing one friendly each month for the past year and a half in a bid to create the right sort of spirit and teamwork. Will play their first round games in Valencia and then, if they qualify, all their remaining matches in Madrid.

SOVIET UNION

USSR Football Federation. Founded: 1912. Joined FIFA 1946. Colours: red/white/red. Reserve: all white. Players' category: state amateur. National stadium: Lenin Stadium, Moscow — 102,000 (all seated). Population: 255,524,000. Reg. players: 4,505,000.

World Cup finals record: 1958, quarter finals. 1962, quarter finals. 1966, fourth. 1970, quarter finals.

Manager: Konstantin Beskov, 61. Appointed 1979.

Standard team: Dassayev — Sulakvelidze, Chivadze, Baltacha, Burovsky — Daraselia, Butyak, Bessonov — Shengelia, Gavrilov, Blokhin.

Notes: Highly fancied outsiders, now that Beskov appears to have found the right mix for the stars of Moscow Spartak, Dynamo Kiev and Dynamo Tbilisi. Oleg Blokhin of Kiev has been in fine form. Both Real Madrid and Rapid Vienna have hopes of signing him after the finals.

WEST GERMANY

Deutscher Fussball-Bund. Founded 1900. Joined FIFA 1904-1945, 1950. Colours: white/black/white. Reserve: green/white/white. Players' category: professional. National stadium: Olympiastadion, Munich — 80,000 (all seated). Population: 61.5 million. Reg. players: 3,611,431.

World Cup finals record: (incl. pre-war Germany): 1934, third. 1938, first round. 1954, CHAMPIONS. 1958, fourth. 1962, quarter finals. 1966, runners-up. 1970, third. 1974, CHAMPIONS. 1978, second round.

Manager: Jupp Derwall, 55. Appointed July 1978.

Standard team: Schumacher — Kaltz, Stielike, K-H. Förster, Briegel — Dremmler, Breitner, H. Müller (Magath) — Littbarski (Hrubesch), Fischer, Rummenigge.

Notes: West Germany, twice World Cup-winners have a brilliant record since returning to FIFA after the second world war. Continuity of management and the formation of the *Bundesliga* in the early 1960s are among the reasons. Bernd Schuster, revelation of the 1980 European championship-winning team, says he will not play in the World Cup.

YUGOSLAVIA

Fudbalski Savez Jugoslavije. Founded 1919. Joined FIFA 1919. Colours: blue/white/red. Reserve: all white. Players' category: professional. National stadium: Red Star Belgrade — 95,000 (all seated). Population: 20.5 million. Reg. players: 172,225.

World Cup finals record: 1930, semi-finals. 1950, first round. 1954, quarter finals. 1958, quarter finals. 1962, fourth. 1974, second round.

Manager: Miljan Miljanic, 51. Appointed November 1978. Second spell in charge.

Standard team: Pantelic — Stojkovic, Zajec, Buljan, Gudelj — Zlato Vujovic, Zoran Vujovic, Petrovic, Surjak — Halilhodzic, Susic.

Notes: Europe's outstanding player-export nation. It's likely that seven or eight of the squad of 22 will be brought back from France or West Germany, including the penalty-taking goalkeeper Dragan Pantelic, who plays for Bordeaux.

Carlos Orlando Caballero of Honduras.

FULL WORLD CUP DRAW next month

PORTUGAL by Arthur Rotmil

Questions asked in parliament

THE national team's ignominous exit from the World Cup has had far reaching consequences. Questions were even asked in parliament; that's how badly the Portuguese took the failure to reach the finals in next-door Spain, where they would have been assured a mighty support both local and from the huge travelling contingent.

Yet, it all began so promisingly. After three matches, Portugal claimed five points and seemed to be in the driving seat. Even the two defeats in away games to Northern Ireland and Sweden did not seem to matter. But the crucial defeat was that at home to Sweden by a last minute goal. National team manager Julio Cernades Pereira (nicknamed "Juca") then made eight changes, discarding many of the disappointing Benfica stars, for the away tie in Israel. But alas, terrible goalkeeping errors and the inability to take chances, cost Portugal dearly.

They were hit for four in the first half. Jordao, who alone hit the woodwork three times, also missed a penalty and the Portuguese were out. The last match, a hollow 2-1 victory over the group winners Scotland, who experimented in that game, was scant consolation and a recital of what might have been.

Now, two Socialist MP's have asked the government during a parliamentary session why the team, prepared at a cost of £125,000, had failed. According to the members of parliament the public is entitled to know why the side lost four World Cup qualifying games on the trot. "It is time for an official explanation of how the squad was prepared and selected and why they disappointed the whole country with their miserable performances" their statement added.

Profile

Meanwhile the federation, whilst keeping a low profile, have discreetly put out feelers to find another team chief. High on the list are two, as yet unnamed, Brazilians who would of course have no language problems. The idea of engaging a club manager to take charge of the national team in his spare time (Portugal play only on average half a dozen internationals a year) has already been tried without success.

Pereira's predecessor, Mario Wilson, led Benfica and the national team, but when both were unsuccessful, he was sacked by club and country. Many Portuguese would like to see a foreigner in the job. It is significant that the three most famous and successful clubs in Portugal are currently managed by foreigners: Malcolm Allison (England, Sporting Lisbon), Hermann Stessl (Austria, Porto) and Lajos Baroti (Hungary, Benfica). But the national post does not appeal to many, because club managers are much better paid.

Two Hungarians and an Irishman were making headlines in Portuguese football recently. League leaders Sporting Lisbon's goalkeeper is lanky and eccentric Ferenc Meszaros. This 31-year-old, who has 22 caps, was transferred in the summer from Vasas Budapest after playing 253 league games in Hungary. He established something of a record when he played two important matches within 20 hours, hundreds of miles apart one weekend.

On a Saturday afternoon Meszaros helped Hungary to beat Norway 4-1 in a World Cup qualifying tie in Budapest. Next day he was back in Lisbon starring in the 1-1 draw at Benfica which kept Sporting unbeaten and joint leaders with Porto. These two clubs were in fact Portugal's remaining representatives in international competition: Sporting in the UEFA Cup and Porto in the Cup Winners tournament. Both clubs scored notable victories in the second round — Sporting put out Southampton by winning in Engand unexpectedly 4-2, while Porto disposed of the then Italian league leaders, Roma, on a 2-0 aggregate.

Retiring

The other Hungarian is Benfica's 67-year-old team manager Lajos Baroti, who is definitely retiring at the end of the season. A slump in the championship race and the bitter knockout in the European Cup against Bayern Munich (1-4 agg.) have persuaded the old fox that it is time to quit.

Benfica, who last season were beaten only twice in 30 league matches, had already lost their third game in the first seven this term. Baroti's problems began before the season even started. Because the club was three days late returning from a pre-season tour, their centre forward Reinaldo, who is doing his army service, was confined to barracks for three days and missed training.

Criticism

The fact that Benfica are languishing behind their "deadly" local foes Sporting is of course one of the main points of criticism levelled at the club by their passionate following. I also caused amusement when Benfica's secrecy in studying the opposition was revealed.

Before the tie with Bayern, Baroti flew to Munich announced and bought a ticket to watch Bayern secretly in a league match. But his detailed dossier did not help the champions to score more than one goal in the two European ties. The Irishman in the news is Mickey Walsh, eleven-times-capped Republic of Ireland striker, but who cannot get into the squad now. His brilliantly taken goal opened the way for Porto's 2-0 win over Roma in the Cup winners' Cup. After a long period of acclimatisation, riddled with injuries, and doubts about his future Walsh, who cost £15,000 when transferred from Queen's Park Rangers 14 months ago, has now settled down well.

Rui Jordao of Sporting Lisbon and Portugal's national side

The new signings made for this season have on the whole proved relatively modest investments. Benfica have at long last engaged their first foreigner. He is the Yugoslav striker Zoran Filipovic. Portimonense also hired a player lately in the Belgian League, albeit a Portuguese, De Matos (ex Standard Liege). Sporting, apart from Meszaros, acquired the Brazilian Brasinho (ex Vasco da Gama), plus the international midfielder Oliveira (from Peñafiel). Vitoriai Setubal engaged the Brazilian Duda, for some years the mainstay of Porto's midfield. Most other clubs were forced to economise and remained content with their personnel.

Drugs, scandal, the Press an women's football – what a r

ARE WE getting closer to the truth? That splendid old blabber-mouth, Ivanoe Fraizzoli, President of Inter, recently exploded after the team was held to a draw by Udinese.

"Enough of these fables about the great Inter!" he cried. "I, who was vice-president then, know what went on during those game's intervals in the dressing room. They took . . . a shower." This was widely assumed to imply that Inter's players were taking drugs, an accusation made with firmer support against Milan a decade or so earlier.

Outraged reactions predictably followed. Helenio Herrera, Inter's manager then, said Fraizzoli, didn't know what he was talking about. Moratti, junior, son of Angelo, was was then president, angrily denied the charge. Sandro Mazzola, now an executive of the club but then their centre-forward, tactuflly kept quiet.

I've no idea whether Inter used drugs in the sixties, though I have never come across the least evidence of it. But why would they need drugs when they so successfully persuaded referees, at least in their European fixtures? Tesanic in 1964, De Mendibil (against Liverpool) in 1965; but not the brave Hungarian Vadas, who turned them down before the Real Madrid semi-final, in 1966. Will Fraizzoli, next time he blows his top, come out with a true confession about the way Inter used to use referees? And what will be the reply of the horrible Italo Allodi, spider at the centre of the web then, now still, amazingly, in charge of the Federal Technical Centre outside Florence? One waits with wry anticipation. Speak up, Fraizzoli! Speak up soon!

MAURO DELLA MARTIRA is banned until 1985 for his part in the Italian fixed odds betting scandal.

The former Perugia stopper was slung out of the game with one of the longest suspensions given to any player. Yet the New York Cosmos club have put him in charge of their youth scheme, a choice which in the circumstances seems to be not only inexplicable but reprehensible.

Yes, you read me aright; their *YOUTH SCHEMES!* Not only that, Della Martira has publicly lamented the fact that he is not allowed to play in the States and has blamed Perugia for refusing to release him. Not an ounce of shame or regret, as you can see; merely a perverse belief that he has somehow been hard done by.

I suppose you can understand it to some extent when you note that though Felice Colombo, the former president of Milan, who was involved in the fix with Lazio, was slung out of the game and avoided a life suspension only because the Italian Federation felt it might be *ultra vires* and therefore overturned by the courts, has still been pulling Milan's strings: as the chief shareholder.

Day after day you have seen Colombo quoted in the Italian sporting press; though in November he did at last say that he intended to sell his shares and withdraw at the end of the season. What a fiasco of a situation! A man is thrown out of football for moral turpitude, and blithely goes on running the club he had defamed. Perhaps, as I have adumbrated, it is no real wonder that Della Martira has convinced himself he was hard done by.

WHAT HAPPENS, or doesn't happen, to football reporters is very properly of sublime indifference to the general public, who are perfectly entitled to take their labours for granted.

Nevertheless I do not cease to be amazed at the recalcitrant, inept, sullen way pro football clubs by and large treat the press in this country; not least now, a time when they vitally need all the good publicity they can get.

In the United States, press relations can often be explosive, let alone tense. It was not so many years ago that the "owner" of a Texan grid-iron team was to be seen rolling around the floor, locked in combat with a competent and estimable bald local journalist whose questions had offended him.

But at least the Americans, in their hard, practical way, know the value of good press relations and cultivate them, laying on excellent facilities for journalists which make our own look sick, and extending lavish entertainment; not to mention brisk and automatic entry to the dressing rooms.

The NASL, for example, have a rule (rather too indulgent, to my mind) whereby reporters have automatic access to the dressing rooms 12 minutes after the end of a match.

Here, by contrast, the dressing rooms are largely sacrosanct, even at Wembley Stadium, where for many, many years you could go in on production of a signed press pass.

This season, at Chelsea, whose dreadful form and fearful economic situation over recent seasons should surely make them the last people to offend the press, have infuriated journalists by blocking off the large bar area from the cramped and narrow press room.

Free drinks for the press were phased out with looming bankruptcy; journalists were quite happy to buy their own in the bar where they could meet visiting managers. Even this limited access is now denied them; unless things have changed since I wrote this piece.

At Brighton, after a match against Liverpool, an official threatened to call the police if journalists did not leave the foyer, where they were waiting in vain for the managers to talk to them. At Norwich City, reporters are now rigidly confined to the press room unless they are actually going to take their seats in the Press Box. The corridor is barred to them.

A rare moment . . . Clive Allen in an Arsenal jersey.

I am always reminded of that scene in Bernard Shaw's *The Doctor's Dilemma* when the mellifluous old phoney, the doctor, Sir Ralph Bloomfield Bonington, escorts a journalist from the painter Dubedat's sick room. "Gloves," he intones, at the door. "No, no gloves."

Things remain much the same. The Establishment by and large dislikes and despises the press. The jumped-up property spivs, scrap metal merchants, second-hand car dealers and dubious butchers who, alas, comprise so many of our club chairmen scarcely belong to the Establishment; but they dearly love to ape its ways. In the long run, this can only be self destructive; in the meanwhile, the game stays ridden with officious little jacks in office, swinish stewards, bloody-minded commissioners. It's sad.

HOW Arsenal must now wish they had hung on to Clive Allen! That they treated him very badly indeed, using him in a kind of cruel game of pass the parcel, is beyond doubt.

But even from the point of view of enlightened self-interest, they have been left with egg on their faces. Of course, the

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million pound fee they paid for him to QPR was ludicrous; but so was the million pounds for which they subsequently valued Kenny Sansom, when Allen moved to Crystal Palace and Sansom to Highbury. What the Gunners should have realised last season, as one very shrewd club official recently observed to me, was that Frank Stapleton was almost certainly going to be on his way. They could even have realised it before the start of the season, when they banished poor Allen without giving him a single League game.

Allen had a marvellous early match for Crystal Palace against Middlesbrough, when I saw him score a spectacular hat-trick, but after that his own form and the team's fell away. Yet when Stapleton did go, Arsenal, who received £900,000 for him, found themselves in a parlous way; exacerbated by their silly reluctance regularly to use the scintillating young Paul Davis in midfield.

Watching Allen this season, back at QPR again, I do not think he has been looking quite the player he seemed likely to become 18 months or so ago; but who, given all that has happened to him, could be surprised at that? Arsenal's idiotic money down a rathole purchase of Hawley, the centre-forward who couldn't even win a place in the feeble Sunderland attack, was the measure of their desperation. So, too, the pursuit of Hankin.

GLOSSY dross would be the appropriate term for most football club programmes today; page after page of shiny, elegantly (if sometimes illegibly) printed copy, most of which is junk.

Managers ramble on in their half literate manner, giving us their own, partial view of what went wrong the week before. Worse still, supporters club secretaries tell us the mind bendingly tedious news of their members' dreary activities.

It was, therefore, a most pleasant surprise recently to visit Fulham, to open the programme, and to find a long, well written, well argued, well researched piece on Jimmy Hogan, perhaps the most significant and influential coach who has ever lived.

The anonymous author (stand up and take a bow, Mr. Turner) did not miss a trick. He knew not only that Hogan had been the coach of the original Austrian Wunderteam, some 50 years ago, had inspired the modern Hungarian game, but also that he had learned about football from veteran Scottish pros as a young Fulham player before the Great War; and had been cruelly sacked as manager of Fulham in the 30s while lying in a hospital bed.

Mr. Turner, an economist by profession, has looked diligently through the club records and unearthed the shameful story of how Fulham's players and directors just hadn't the intelligence and the patience to see what a treasure they had in Hogan; who went back to Austria, took an unfancied Austrian side to the Olympic finals in Berlin, then got Aston Villa out of the Second Division.

Time and again, it seems, the Fulham directors locked horns with Hogan, insisting (in the good old traditional English manner), that "mature" professional footballers should not need such coaching. Even at Aston Villa, I remember Hogan telling me, 30 years ago, the chairman abjured him: "I've got no time for all these fancy ideas. Get the ball in the bloody net!"

Long may Mr. Turner's well researched, well written, admirably objective articles continues to grace the Fulham programme.

IF THE law says that, remarked one of Dickens' more robust characters, then the law is a' ass.

Step forward, as they say in the *Sunday Express*, Mr. David Pannick, Fellow of All Souls' Oxford and a barrister. In the *Guardian*, that repository of genteel feminist paranoia (my categorisation of the 1982 World Cup as The World and his Wife Cup has now actually reached the anthology of The Naked Ape, their "male chauvinist" column) Mr. Pannick espouses the case of a girl footballer, Jo Hughes of South London.

It appears that Miss Hughes (Ms. Hughes, I suppose I should say, or I may be in the Naked Ape miscellany again) was banned by the Football Association from playing in official matches, though she scored three goals for a youth club and became player of the month last August. Mr. Pannick regards this as discrimination; one more sign of how ludicrous the feminist lobby can get.

Herbert Prohaska, Austria and the new generation!

More, he regards it as "unfortunate for England as our national team again struggles to qualify for the World Cup Finals" and "a matter of shame for the F.A. . . . neither Joe Hughes nor any other girl footballer will ever have the opportunity to develop her skills to the standard required by a Football League club."

This breathtaking bilge did not, be it noted, even appear on the notorious *Guardian Women's Page*, nicely characterised by Richard West in the *Spectator*, but a few days earlier, as "lively, literate and provocative, also silly and priggish."

Has the highly-educated Mr. Pannick ever *seen* women's football, even at its supposedly highest, international level? He could scarcely otherwise seriously believe that women are ever going to be capable of playing League football. How many women, after all, have yet played hockey for England's male team and how many ever will, regardless of the fact that women's hockey has a long, honourable and independent history?

I believe it was Marjorie (I trust I spell her name right) Pollard, a great bulwark of the women's hockey game, who once wrote that in itself women's hockey was by no means inferior to the male game, might even be more skilful, but through reasons of physical strength there could be no blending or valid comparison of the two. Or let us take a non-body combat sport, in tennis, where women on the face of it would be much less at a disadvantage. What leading female player is capable even of defeating a good male club player?

But women's tennis, women's hockey, perhaps even women's cricket, have virtues which women's soccer wholly lacks. I find it a grotesque sight, reminding me of Dr. Johnson's observations on a woman preaching; that it was not well done, but it was surprising to see it done at all. Women are simply not the right shape, simply haven't the dynamic muscular reactions, to play football as it should be played, and those who follow Mr. Pannick's particular kind of bloody broad-mindedness are just betraying the true cause of feminism.

The embattled feminist seems to say that a woman should be allowed and encouraged to do *anything* a man does; even blow herself up on anabolic steroids, look like a hippo, and put the shot or throw the discus, in international athletics; as men do.

Meanwhile, it is alarming that this feminist idiocy should be spreading through the *Guardian*, away from the women's pages, and notionally, perhaps, towards the sports pages; full as they are of lively, intelligent, readable football writers. I hope Messrs. Lacey, Armstrong, Barclay and the rest will band together against the monstrous regiment of women (footballers) and their half-baked apologists; male or female.

Speaking Personally with Leslie Vernon

No mood for a fight

I SPENT four very enjoyable days with the Hungarians when they came to Wembley to play England. As soon as the party arrived at Gatwick, I sensed that they had no stomach for a fight, and that, subconsciously, they all accepted the inevitable — England would qualify!

When a group of interviewers and photographers greeted them, the players joked about bribe money, but they were all willing to talk, manager Kalman Meszoly being especially obliging.

Their mood was serene rather than panic-stricken — they had already qualified for the finals, the overall bonuses were paid, and they were not very keen on helping the Rumanians. They were treated very badly in Bucharest, the crowd booed the Hungarian national anthem and the Rumanians played over-tough football.

When I assured them that the Wembley crowd would also jeer their anthem, they just shook their heads in bewilderment, and when I tried to cheer them up by saying that England hadn't won at Wembley for a year, and scored only two goals there in their last five matches, they said with typical Hungarian self-mockery: "All good things must end one day, they will surely score against us."

The players were clearly affected by the 3-1 beating they suffered against England in Budapest earlier this year, but Meszoly insisted that it was his team's worst performance, and if they could reproduce their "Swiss form" they had a chance of winning at Wembley.

When the "foreign legionnaires" arrived later that night, they were welcomed by the other players — there is no question of jealousy, they are regarded as pioneers, and players like Nyilasi and Torocsik also hope to find a Western professional club after the World Cup finals.

Nyilasi, incidentally, had no chance of playing, he trained for a few minutes on the Monday night at Highbury, but limped off with a bad knee injury.

Laszlo Balint, the veteran central defender, is now with Toulouse, and he told me that he enjoys second division French football more than he did first division fare in Belgium with Bruges. He said: "We are getting good gates, we have a good chance of promotion, and the game is not so physical as it is in Belgium. There, every match was a life or death affair."

Fazekas is quite happy in Belgium, and he was still talking about the 1978 Cup: "We had too many young players in the team, and the pressure was too much for them in the first match against Argentina. That's why two of them were sent off, although Torocsik didn't deserve to be dismissed. This time, we shall play better, we have a good squad with plenty of experience."

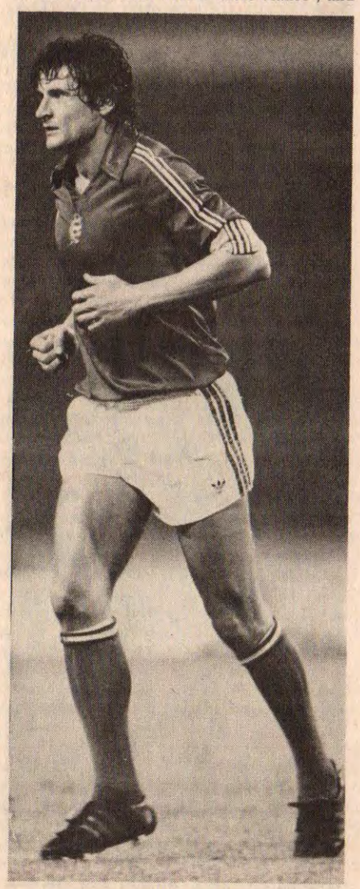
Ferenc Meszaros, the moustachieod goalkeeper of Sporting Lisbon, told me that he enjoys working with Malcolm Allison, who is a likeable personality.

"I am playing my best football because I am a full-time professional, and my only job is football. When I was in Hungary, I had to concentrate on outside business interests, and couldn't devote all my time to being the No. 1 keeper at Vasas. Besides, in professional football, if you don't do your stuff you are instantly replaced, and that hurts your pride and your pocket."

The match itself at Wembley was an anti-climax for me. The Hungarians didn't play well, they defended heroically, but had no idea what to do with the ball at midfield, and the forward line was non-existent. But after the game, they were quite satisfied with the result — a narrow defeat, which didn't affect the players' self-confidence.

So, England qualified, and in the euphoria, it was quickly forgotten how lucky they were that Switzerland took three points off Rumania. After all, England are going to Spain with nine points collected in the group matches, Wales and the Republic of Ireland are not going, and they both amassed 10 points!

But, I agree it is all history now, in Spain all the teams start with a 'carte blance', and the current England side has a better chance to do well there than the current Hungarian one — a great deal depends on the draw.



Laszlo Balint of Hungary

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FIGHT the hooligans who will surely ruin England's reputation in Spain with their loutish behaviour!

This is the battle-cry of Bert Millichip, Football Association chairman, who drew up a 12-points' plan to be presented to the British and Spanish authorities.

Here it is: 1. Take away passport of any fan caught causing trouble abroad. 2. Prevent travel abroad of those who, by their dress or demeanour, would clearly be offensive there. 3. Ban those found guilty of hooliganism from all public events for several years. 4. Ban sales of alcohol at sporting events. 5. Introduce stricter licensing of coach operators, including an alcohol ban. 6. Use plain-clothed police in crowds to pick off the leaders. 7. Greater use of Attendance Centres. 8. Right of police to indiscriminate search. 9. Clamp down on ultra-nationalists who use sport as a cover. 10. Permit caning in all schools. 11. Reintroduce corporal punishment in worst cases. 12. Establishment of new Riot Act.

Tough? Yes, it is, but I applaud the attempt to get rid of this cancer of hooliganism. These youngsters have been treated too leniently for years, and it is high time that something positive is done to curb their evil influence. I am especially interested in point nine — neo-Nazi organisations infiltrate football and recruit gullible teenagers, who openly display swastikas and other hateful mementoes of a poisoned past regime.

But it has been pointed out that taking away passports is against the freedom of the individual, and one cannot judge a modern youngster by "his dress".

However, something drastic must be done before the World Cup in Spain, otherwise there will be a shadow over the tournament, and the F.A. will surely be heavily fined by FIFA if there are crowd disturbances at England's matches.

There might even be a ban, and we cannot afford to risk that — Millichip must be taken seriously, his plan put into practice — modified or otherwise — and then we have a slight chance to escape without any serious trouble.

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THE three-points' experiment seems to be working well. Not if we look at the falling gate figures for English League matches, but if we consider the type of football served-up by the clubs.

I have noticed a marked improvement in the attitude of visiting teams, they are less defensive, more constructive and ambitious. Chief beneficiaries of the new system in the First Division must be Tottenham, who didn't draw a match until their fifteenth fixture.

Surely one of the most enterprising sides, Spurs, won nine matches and lost five, and with 27 points, they were second on the table. Under the old system, 18 points from 14 games wouldn't have guaranteed them such an exalted position.

Final verdict on the "three points-for-a-win" experiment must wait until the end of the season, but the signs are encouraging.

ONDRUS . . . WHAT OF HIS FUTURE

by Philip Smith

CZECHOSLOVAK qualification for the 1982 World Cup Finals is now assured. Players such as Marian Masny and Zdenek Nehoda can look forward to a summer in sunny Spain.

But the captain of the Czech side which won the 1976 European championship and came third in 1980 is unlikely to accompany them.

From the heady atmosphere of Italy and 1980, Anton Ondrus now finds himself playing reserve team football for Club Brugge, the team he chose to join following his eventual release last summer from domestic Czechoslovak football.

His new team are currently languishing near the foot of the Belgian league and have recently sacked their fourth manager in a year. Morale this season has reached rock bottom level. For a man with such high hopes on his arrival in Belgium, everything since must seem like a nightmare.

Ondrus was born in Bratislava on March 27, 1950, and was the only one of four brothers to show any interest in football. At nine he was signed by Slovan, the largest club in Bratislava, and at first was thought of as an attacking player. It wasn't until later that he moved into the back line, where his height and heading ability soon put him on the path to international honours.

His first full selection for the national team was in 1972 against East Germany in Dresden, and even at that early stage his determination to win was evident. With Slovan he was a member of three championship and four cup-winning sides, and proved a player of equal stature as some of his illustrious Slovan predecessors, including Popluhar and Horvath.

A permanent transfer to the second Czech army side, Dukla Banska Bystrica, was resisted whilst he undertook national service and not even a car crash three days before to Czechoslovakia's match at Wembley in 1978 failed to keep him out for long, since he reappeared three months later in Czechoslovakia's 1-0 home win over Spain.

Contingent

Domestic success was pale in comparison to Ondrus's greatest memory however, the European championship final in Belgrade when West Germany were defeated on penalties. No fewer than seven Slovan players were in the Czech side that night.

But four years later in Italy only Masny and Gogh remained to join Ondrus as the Slovan contingent. The Czechs did well to take third place, but manager Josef Venglos realised the side was ageing fast and soon after the championships Ondrus was left out, apparently never to return.

It was generally expected that Ondrus would gain his release to the west after the 1980 Championship, but internal wrangling meant another year had passed before he was finally allowed his footballing freedom. That he ended up with Club Brugge owes more to misfortune than planning.

It was originally Club's intention to build their new look defence around the Polish international Antoni Symanowski, but no sooner had he been signed than he was stricken with an achilles tendon injury bad enough to keep him out for most of the season.

A player capable of commanding the defence had to be quickly found, and Ondrus fitted the bill. Standing 6ft 4in tall, and with 61 caps, Ondrus appeared the ideal defensive partner to complement the more rugged Gilbert Van Binst.

Additionally, his airial ability when moving forward for set pieces had brought six or seven goals a season for Slovan, and there was no reason to doubt that this flow of goals would continue.

In signing for Club, Ondrus turned down chances to join Betis of Seville and Fortuna Düsseldorf. His admiration of Belgian football had dramatically increased following the *Diables Rouges'* displays in Italy, and he looked forward to playing with the likes of Caulemans and Van Binst. He thought Club a team of well-defined ambition and the prospect of playing there excited him.

Ondrus made his league debut three days after arriving in the country. Club had impressively won their opening match but a jittery debut by the Czech star was a contributory factor in the 3-1 reversal at RWDM. This defeat was followed by three matches which yielded a single point, and though the rot was halted with an away win at Waregem, this proved only temporary as four consecutive league defeats followed.

To make matters worse, Club were knocked out of European competition at the first hurdle by a Spartak Moscow team who humiliated a disorganised side in front of a stunned Belgian crowd.

Ondrus made a horrendous error which led to the Russians first goal, and until his substitution at half-time was frequently jeered by the frustrated home supporters. His display had been ponderous and often he seemed at loggerheads with his fellow defenders. That his replacement played well was no consolation and Ondrus soon found himself a scapegoat as trainer Spitz Kohn searched in vain for a winning combination.

Club's 5-0 hammering in the cup at Anderlecht was the nail in Kohn's coffin, coming as it did on top of a playing record of won two, drawn one and lost seven. Club drafted in Rik Coppens, the ex-Berchem trainer, as Kohn's successor and whilst results have improved only slightly, morale is on the way up. Club are still near the bottom of the table though, and there is no room in the first team for Anton Ondrus.

All this leaves Ondrus wondering as to his future. It is clearly a waste that such a quality player should be floundering in reserve team football. It is also clear that while Club are battling to get clear of the relegation zone players with different qualities to those which Ondrus possesses are needed.

Knowing what he does now would Ondrus have made the same choice? It seems many Eastern Europeans need a period of adjustment to the Western game, and it's unfortunate but true that for the present there doesn't appear to be time for Club Brugge and Anton Ondrus to get to know each other.

CRUYFF IS BACK 'HOME' HELP AJAX FIND THEIR FE

Club Focus by Cian O'Mahoney

JOHAN CRUYFF is back at Ajax . . . but for how long?

Now 34, the former world No. 1 has returned to his original club with the intention of playing, maybe even as sweeper, in a bid to help the up-and-coming youngsters re-establish the club as a power in Europe.

It's ironic that he should choose to do so right at the moment when much of the talk about Dutch football revolves around a belief that the recent World Cup exit in Paris marks the end of an era.

An era in which Cruyff was the key figure — steering Ajax to three Champions' Cups and inspiring Holland at the World Cup Final in 1974. His aura remained, though he had departed, when the Dutch again reached the final in Argentina in 1978.

Cruyff has returned on a contract worth around £100,000, virtually all of which will be found from sponsorship, for Dutch football is in an unhappy state financially.

But the fact that Cruyff is prepared to start again with Ajax is proof that he sees worthwhile potential . . . the sort of potential which meant that Ajax were in the odd position of collecting extravagant praise even after having been comprehensively thrashed by Tottenham in the first round of this season's Cup-winners' Cup.

Tottenham won 6-1 on aggregate. But manager Keith Burkinshaw went as far as saying that "if the directors manage to keep this highly-promising group of players together, in a couple of years Ajax could be back with the stature of their great team of the past."

It is a very big "if" indeed. The Ajax directors are not renowned for a policy of continuity with regard to personnel. Players and coaches come and go almost faster than one can count them.

In the past eight years Ajax have had no fewer than eight coaches! After only two years at de Meer, Yugoslav coach Tomaslav Ivic steered a rebuilt Ajax to the championship (1977) and was just beaten into second place the following year. His salary increase request was rejected by the board and in 1978 he reluctantly left Amsterdam to demonstrate his prowess elsewhere, winning the Yugoslav championship with Hadjuk Split (1979) and the Belgian championship with Anderlecht (1981).

Ajax regained the Dutch title under new coach Cor Brom and also won the Cup in 1979. Brom was rewarded for these successes by getting the sack four months later. His successor, youth coach Leo Beenhakker, retained the title for Ajax in 1980 but the Amsterdam board were still not satisfied. Chairman Harmsen announced that Beenhakker's contract would only be extended if five other coaches Ajax had on their list refused the offer of his job.

The game of musical chairs continued. Cruyff arrived back from the States and was appointed "technical adviser". He organised the coaching and shouted directions from the Ajax dug-out as Beenhakker, relegated to a figurehead role, looked on beside him. By the spring Cruyff was off on his travels again, to Levante in Spain. Beenhakker resigned shortly afterwards. Harmsen had been making repeated uncomplimentary remarks about him to the press.

The new youth coach, Aad de Mos, became the new chief coach. He was both popular and successful, taking Ajax from a middle-of-the-table position to second place in the league and also to the Dutch Cup final.

The Ajax board were still considering their list however. Top of the list — Tomaslav Ivic! Ivic thanked Ajax for having second thoughts about him (three years later!), but declined politely, as did Ernst Happel, Vujadin Boskob and Rinus Michels. Number five on the list turned out to be the retired German coach Kurt Linder. Ajax devised the strange plan of appointing him for two years, after which his assistant, de Mos, would be given full responsibility.

Or would he? With such a fickle board of directors anything is possible, particularly now Cruyff is back.

But if Ajax are not winning any cups in Europe these days, they should surely be granted one honorary title — "Chief Purveyor of Top Players to Europe". In the past eight years no single club has managed to produce so many star players and get rid of them so quickly.

The exodus of stars from Amsterdam began when the great team of the early 1970, was sold off. Cruyff went to Barcelona, soon to be followed there by Johan Neeskens; Gerrie Muhren went to Seville; Arie Haan to Anderlecht and later to Standard Liege; Wim Suurbier to Schalke; Johnny Rep found himself at St. Etienne via Valencia and Bastia and Arnold Muhren at Ipswich via Twente.

Johann Cruyff waves to the crowd at the Olympic Stadium in Amsterdam when he guested for Ajax against Bayern Munich in what was supposed to be the last game in his long and distinguished career in 1978

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AJAX AMSTERDAM

Founded: March 18, 1900.
World Club Cup: 1972.
European Supercup: 1972, 1973.
Champions' Cup: 1971, 1972, 1973.
League: 1918, 1919, 1931, 1932, 1934, 1937, 1939, 1947, 1957, 1960, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1970, 1972, 1973, 1977, 1979, 1980 (19).
Cup: 1917, 1943, 1961, 1967, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1979 (8).
Biggest-ever win: 12-1 v. Vitesse Arnhem 1971-72.
Biggest-ever defeat: 4-9 v. Feyenoord 1964-65.
Stadium: Stadion De Meer — 29,380 capacity (12,380 seats). Big matches in the Olympic Stadium — 61,000 capacity.
President: A. Harmsen.
Coach: Kurt Linder.
Colours: Red and white.

Ivic began a major rebuilding job, but although it is only three years since his departure, little remains of his team either. Sharpshooter Ruud Geels (not a home Ajax product) was sold to Anderlecht in 1978. Brom bought Ray Clarke to replace him. Clarke's front running and heading power rounded off the excellent service he was getting from the Ivic midfield of Arnesen/Lerby/Schoenaker and the two contrasting wingers Ling and Tahamata. He scored 30 goals in the league. But it was still not good enough for the directors.

Clarke was given his cards after that single season even though Ajax had no one to replace him. They splashed out a club record fee of £200,000 on Henning Jensen, strengthening the one area where they were already exceptionally strong — the midfield — and youth player Tonnie Blanker was drummed up to fill the striker spot.

He scored freely early in the season but was soon overwhelmed by the publicity he got. First christened "the new Cruyff" and subsequently hatcheted by the press for not living up to their expectations, he swore he would never play football again.

Ajax were forced to adapt to a 4-4-2 system without a striker. This made great physical demands on the midfielders who had to continually sprint into the empty centre-forward position to finish off their own moves. Schoenaker ended the season as top scorer with 13 goals, less than half Clarke's total of the previous year. After performing brilliantly in the first half of the season Ajax fell away badly towards the end. Physically washed out they lost 2-1 to Notts Forest in the Champions' Cup semi-final and saw a big lead in the league almost completely whittled away.

But the Ajax summer sales continued uninterrupted and another fine team was broken up. In 1980 Rudi Krol was sold to Naples; Simon Tahamata to Standard Liege; Blanker went to Guimaraes in Portugal and was later bought by Real Zaragoza. Krol's partners in the back four, Van Dord, Everse and Meustege, all lost the battle against injury and had to retire prematurely. A year later Jensen returned to Denmark (Aarhus) and Frank Arnesen was sold to Valencia; reserves Van Geel and Pen went to Roda JC and Den Haag respectively; Ruud Kaiser arrived at Coventry via Antwerp.

Ajax's Dick Schoenaker celebrates a goal against Twente Enschede.

Had Soren Lerby gone to Bayern Munich as he very nearly did, the team would have been bled almost completely white. As it was only he, goalkeeper Piet Schrijvers, Tshev La Ling and Dick Schoenaker remain from the first team panel of two years ago.

It was this major spring cleaning which brought about a ridiculous situation: the Tottenham-Ajax European confrontation was a battle literally between men and boys. At White Hart Lane the Ajax forward line which ended the game consisted of three 18-year-olds — Olsen, Kieft and Silooy, the midfield included 17-year-old Vanenburg and goalkeeper Galje was playing his first full game for Ajax.

Right-back Molenaar, already an international, recovering from a long injury, is 23 as is Lerby, left-back Boeve a relative veteran at just 24. Absent from the London match were 22-year-old Ophof, already capped by Rijvers in the World Cup game against France and 19-year-old central defender Rijkaard, capped along with striker Wim Kieft for the friendly international v. Switzerland last September. Also injured was right-winger Ling, 25, the "enfant terrible" of Dutch football, who enjoys much the same reputation as Glenn Hoddle in England. A player of extravagant skills, you either love him or hate him.

There is no doubt that these youngsters have a lot of ability and due to the trigger-happy policy of the Ajax directors find themselves in a position where several have got a first team place at least three years earlier than they could have expected.

After eight games they had waltzed their way to the top of the Dutch league before the bubble burst at White Hart Lane. Their programme had been undemanding, but to score 34 goals in these eight games was still no mean achievement.

Certainly time is on their side. But returning to Burkinshaw's "if" . . . will the Ajax directors keep their kids together until they grow big and strong and healthy?

Ajax fans will believe that only when it happens.

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AJAX AMSTERDAM SQUAD

Name	Pos	Age	Caps
JACQUES STORM	Goalkeeper	20	—
PIET SCHRIJVERS	Goalkeeper	35	37
HANS GALJE	Goalkeeper	24	—
KEJE MOLENAAR	Full back	23	1
STEEN ZIEGLER	Centre back	31	Denmark
PIET WIJNBERG	Defender	24	—
PETER BOEVE	Defender	24	—
WIM JANSEN	Defence/midfield	35	65
DICK SCHOENAKER	Midfield	29	5
SOREN LERBY	Midfield	23	Denmark
EDO OPHOF	Midfield/defence	22	1
FRANK RIJKAARD	Midfield/defence	19	1
JAN WEGGELAR	Midfield/defence	21	—
RIKI VAN ROON	Midfield	20	—
PIET HAMBERG	Forward	27	—
JOHAN CRUYFF	Forward	34	48
WIM KIEFT	Forward	19	1
TSHEU LA LING	Winger	25	11
JESPER OLSEN	Forward	20 (Danish)	—
GERALD VANENBURG	Forward	17	—
MARTIN WIGGEMANSEN	Forward/midfield	24	—

Cross-Section

This month — EAST GERMANY

FAILURE to qualify for the World Cup seems to have hit the game hard in East Germany for in the last round of Oberliga matches the average attendance dropped. Until the home defeat against Poland in Leipzig the overall average was almost 14,000 per game, but since then it has fallen to around 9,000.

By now it is clear that the 'old firm' will settle the championship race between them — Berliner FC Dynamo (the champions) challenged by 1.FC Magdeburg and FC Carl Zeiss Jena.

BFC Dynamo have the strongest attack in terms of goal-getters while 'Zeiss' clearly have the best defence but their top scorer is their *libero!* But the best overall outfit seems to be Magdeburg who have a well-balanced side spearheaded by the very gifted striker Joachim Streich and the midfield organised by Jurgen Pommerenke.

It is already clear that the two 'Neulings', newly promoted Energie Cottbus and Chemie Buna Schkopau are not up to the standard required in the top flight, and almost at the half-way mark they already look booked for the drop back into the Regional-liga. Energie were still without a win after 10 of their 26 games and Schkopau's only win was against Energie.

One interesting point is shown up in the teams given in 'cros-section' for in the top class every team plays to a 1-3-3-3 system — with two wingers. This is as a result of a direct decree from the Deutscher Fussball Verband to all clubs, in order to help the national team.

This edict did not of course help Georg Buschner too much in his World Cup bid and after 11 years in charge he has been replaced by Under 21 national team manager Bernd Stange. Very strangely, Herr Stange is only 33 years old. For five years he was assistant coach with FC Carl Zeiss under Hans Meyer — who was the experts' choice for the top job.

Best ever

But in 1979 Herr Stange was given command of the Under 21 team and led them to second place in the 1980 European Championship at that level.

One of the DDR's best ever players, Jurgen Noldner said some time ago that East Germany repeatedly turned out very good sides, even in his time when he starred for FC Vorwärts, then based in Berlin, but did not qualify until 1974 simply because they were drawn against strong opponents in their groups.

Only time will tell this time, whether Poland really are strong or whether it was a failure by Georg Buschner. Joachim Streich has scored a DDR record 16 goals in only 18 World Cup matches among his 78 'caps' but at thirty his World Cup career is over.

1.FC Lokomotive Leipzig, occupying fourth place in the Oberliga are the only East German representatives left in European competition at the quarter final stage. But they owed a lot to goalkeeper Muller who, away to Velez Mostar in the ⅛th finals saved a penalty from Vladic that earned a 1-1 draw. With the first leg having also been drawn 1-1 the tie went to penalty kicks and Muller was again hero for the East Germans won through with three successful spot-kick conversions out of the statutory five while Velez could not beat Muller at all with five attempts.

But Lokomotive are not in the draw for the quarter finals of the FDGB Pokal this season. After East Germany had beaten Malta 5-1 to complete their World Cup fixtures the Cup took over from Oberliga matches the following week-end and in a replay of the 1981 final FC Vorwarts beat Lokomotive by 3-2.

Big tie

The big tie that day was between the top two sides in the Oberliga: 1.FC Magdeburg v BFC Dynamo Berlin and the champions won through by 2-1, reversing the scores in their recent league match in Magdeburg. All eight teams through to the quarter finals are Oberliga sides and one of them, surprisingly is Energie Cottbus. Away to Vorwarts Stalsund, a side with recent Oberliga experience but now top of their section in the regionalised Division II, Energie drew 3-3 after extra time and then won through 9 to 8 on penalties.

Zeiss had an easy 5-0 away win over Division II Werdau and together with Dynamo Berlin they are still in with a chance of the double. Dynamo Dresden, still the best supported club in the Oberliga are through too and though their attack is now a little short of regular scorers which puts them out of the championship race they have a very solid defence which is always the basis of a Cup-winning side.

With Hans-Jurgen Dörner playing behind the defence they have perhaps the best *libero* in the mould of Franz Beckenbauer to be seen anywhere in Europe.

Leading scorers: Streich (Magdeburg) 9, Netz (Dynamo Berlin), Schnuphase (FC Carl Zeiss), Heun (Rot Weiss), 7 each, Pietsch (Vorwarts), Riediger (Dynamo Berlin), Schulz (Dynamo Berlin), Steinbach (Magdeburg), Mothes (Wismut) 5 each.

Dynamo Dresden 1 (Gutschow 8)
HFC Chemie Halle 0
HT: 0-1. **Att.** 14,000. **Ref:** Stenzel.
Dynamo: Jakubowski — Dorner — Helm, Schmuck, A. Schmidt — Schuster, Schade, Trautmann — Gutschow, Minge, Heidler (Lippmann 75).
Chemie: Walther — Schmidt — Strozniak, Rehschuh, Broz — Meinert, Radtke, Schubbe (Gehlhaar 76) — Wagner (Zorn 57), Pastor, Peter.

FC Carl Zeiss Jena 2 (Bielau 76, Steinborn 83).
FC Rot Weiss Erfurt 2 (Teich 17, Heun 44)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 16,000. **Ref:** Kulicke.
FC Carl Zeiss: Grapenthin — Schnuphase — Brauer, Weise, Schilling — Krause, Meixner, Kurbjuweit — Topfer (Steinborn 69), Bielau, Trocha (Vogel 55).
FC Rot Weiss: Benkert — Sanger — Gopel, Goldbach, Teich (Birke 87) — Ifarth, Winter, Vlay — Romstedt :K. Schroder 80), Heun, Busse.

Chemie Buna Schlopau 1 (Kopf 43)
FC Vorwarts Frankfurt 2 (Pietsch 7, 61)
Ht: 1-1. **Att:** 3,500. **Ref:** Rossner.
Schkopau: Habekuss — Kossmann — Demmer, Koselewski, Meichsner — Nowotny, Radsch (Pretzsch 67), Kopf (Krosse 46) — Kuhnt, Brandtner, Wallek.
FC Vorwarts: Wienhold — Hause — Probst, Fangmann (Andrich 54), Schuth — Jarmuszkiewicz, Krautzig, Enzmann — Schulz (Kuhlee 64), Pietsch, Otto.

Energie Cottbus 1 (Sander 82)
1.FC Lokomotive Leipzig 4 (Dennstedt 55, Kuhn 56, Bredow 64, Liebers 68)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Habermann.
Energie: Wendt — Teichmann — Reiss, Braun, Balck — Deutschmann, Stimpel, Lempke — Wellschmidt (Kaulfers 68), Sander, Jahn.
Leipzig: Muller — Baum — Fritsche, Dennstedt, Zotsche — Altmann, Bredow, Liebers — Crossmann, Kinne (Schone 68), Kuhn.

Sachsenring Zwickau 0
FC Hansa Rostock 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 3,800. **Ref:** Stumpf.
Zwickau: Alscher — Dunger — Stemmler, Schellenberg, Lorenz — Hache, Pilz, Schmidt — Glowatzky (Langer 59), Fuchs, Becher (Bielmeier 52).
FC Hansa: Schneider — Utess — Littmann, Alms, Rillich — Mischinger (Pugge 84), Schulz, Schlunz (Spandolf 67) — Schumann, Jarohs, Radtke.

Mismut Aue 3 (Stein 37, Mothes 53, Korner 76)
FC Karl-Marx-Stadt 2 (Richter 17, Ihle 19)
HT: 1-2. **Att:** 8,000. **Ref:** Kirschen.
Wismut: Ebert — Schmidt — Seinig (Distelmeier 54), Korner, Koberlein — Teubner (Holl 75), Erler, Suss — Stein, Mothes, Escher.
Karl-Marx-Stadt: Krahnke — A. Muller, Uhlig, Pelz — J. Muller (Matha 58), Hess, Neuhauser — Ihle, Richter (Schubert) 82), Persigehl.

1.FC Magdeburg 2 (Mewes 46, Streich 69)
BFC Dynamo Berlin 1 (Netz 15)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 17,000. **Ref:** Prokop.
Magdeburg: Heyne — Stahmann — Raugaust, Mewes (Siersleben 88), Cramer — Wittke, Pommerenke, Steinbach — Halata, Streich, Hoffmann.
RFC Dynamo: Rudwaleit — Trialoff — Schlegel, Troppa, Ullrich — Ernst (Gotz 30), Terletzki, Backs — Riediger, Strasser, Netz.

TOMMY STILL MAKING SPLASHES

by Derick Allsop

FEW parts of the world, it seems, have escaped the Tommy Docherty shock waves and even now, lately of England's Third Division, he's making splashes.

The Doc had travelled across the world, from a six-month stint in Australia, to go back home to Preston. The club he joined as a player in 1949 had invited him to restore a little of that old pride, to put them on the map again.

At half his salary with Olympic Sydney, the offer was still one he couldn't resist. He returned at 53 with the familiar swagger and the fans gave him an extraordinary reception.

"I've never known anything like it," he says. "Everyone connected with the club has been fantastic."

That didn't last long. Now Docherty is out of a job again. But for how long? For here is a man with an insatiable appetite for involvement, excitement, even controversy.

Docherty's remarkable career had tumbled after the high of United F.A. Cup triumph in 1977. His affair with the club physiotherapist's wife cost him his job and he had undistinguished spells with Derby and Queen's Park Rangers.

There was also the "pack of lies" court disgrace so Australia had offered not only handsome pay but a chance to take breath. New people, new environment, new challenge. Hopefully, new beginning, too.

"It was new all right," he says. "When I first got there we had to use coats instead of goalposts because they were still playing cricket. We went to an away match and there were more sheep than people.

"But I'll tell you this, Australia was good for me. I went back to basics, and from a coaching point of view I reckon that was the best six month's work I've ever done.

"It also opened my eyes to the talent there. Craig Johnston was no one-off. There are lots of youngsters there who could make it in this country — and they are bargains."

Docherty has booked two of his Sydney players, Peter Katholos and Peter Wilson, for Deepdale in the hope of making his point.

"I don't have great resources so I have to be careful with my money. Mind you, some lunatics are spending as if it's going out of fashion.

"I knew the score when I took the job at Preston. I enjoyed the Aussie job, it gave me great satisfaction. But Britain is still the big league and I had to come back."

Docherty gave Preston no wild promises, but did guarantee them they would be noticed. "I had ten happy years here so I owe them something," he says.

"I can't promise them success straight away but I intend to make sure the fans get value for money. It's their choice whether or not they come and watch us.

But can this really be the last watering hole or will football's gypsy manager be on the road once again?

"You can never tell. At every club you hope this is going to be the longest stay. If we don't do well, though, I could get the sack. You have to live with that possibility."

Docherty, of course, has lived with that very same possibility all his life and somehow you can't believe the story will end here.

Deep down, I'm sure, he craves another chance with a major club. He needs to be the big fish, the focus of attention, the man with the opinions.

He is still managing to give his views, offering advice to clubs and directors. Not surprisingly, he's made a few public suggestions to new United manager, Ron Atkinson, and City's John Bond. "Babes in the Wood" he calls them.

All good Doc copy. Not to be taken too seriously, definitely to be enjoyed. Despite his dark side he is, after all, a rare source of fun and entertainment. It may not get him back to the top, but as the man says, we'll know he's around.

World Soccer Diary . . . compiled by Keir Radnedge

FOOTBALL STILL NUMBER ONE SPECTATOR SPORT

WHILE attendances are sliding in most European countries, there is no doubt that among all the world's sports football is still the king.

No challengers in sight.

Certainly not when you realise that the England-Hungary World Cup showdown at Wembley in November was so attractive, a capacity 92,000 paid just short of £700,000 to see it.

That must be a world record for match receipts on a single event. Obviously World Cup Finals may pull in as much but because of block ticket sales it's difficult to estimate.

What is fascinating is that when Hungary came to Wembley in 1953 the record receipts created then were £49,900 from an afternoon attendance of 100,000. (Night matches are restricted to 92,000 for safety reasons.)

Inflation has certainly taken its toll. The most expensive seat in 1953 has certainly taken its toll. The most expensive seat in 1953 cost £1.25. The *cheapest* ticket (to stand) this past November was £3.50 and the most expensive seat was £16.

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FA chief Bert Millichips call for stiffer action all round against hooligans was concerned with those who exact their violence off the field. But what about violence on it? Would Millichip like to see British justice taking a leaf out of the Italian book? Recently, after Ilario Monterisi of fourth division Marsala suffered internal injuries following an attack by Francesco Raimondi of Pro Vasto, the attacker was sentenced to 18 months in jail!

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IF YOU want to see goals, then go to West Germany. Don't go to Turkey — unless you like goalless draws! That's the message of a ten-year survey compiled for *World Soccer* of goal-scoring rates throughout Europe.

The survey also included Argentina and Algeria for comparisons — comparisons which were not particularly flattering.

The Germans produced an average of 3.365 goals per first division game, while Turkey at the other end of the scale managed only 1.880. England, with 2.556 were well down the list.

The highest average for any one season during this period was 3.879 in Denmark in 1971; Luxembourg in 1972-73 came next with 3.674, while West Germany's best was 3.546 in 1973-74. Turkey set an all-time low with 1.650 in 1973-74.

Averages in the earlier years were generally higher and in 1967-68 Northern Ireland managed one section of the season with an average of 4.818. England last averaged more than three in 1967-68 but since then have failed to reach 2.7. Scotland averaged 3.0-plus in most seasons before the Premier League was created, they have failed to do so since, but in general is seems that the size of a league does not have much to do with the goal-per-match averages.

It is worth noting that the three countries with the highest incidence of drawn games (Italy, Israel and Turkey) in that order) are also the bottom countries in the goal-scoring table.

The full table:

1. West Germany	3.365
2. Luxembourg	3.357
3. Northern Ireland	3.261
4. Denmark	3.196
5. Switzerland	3.160
6. Iceland	2.984
7. East Germany	2.962
8. Ireland (Republic)	2.923
9. France	2.902
10. Holland	2.901
11. Scotland	2.893
12. Finland	2.886
13. Hungary	2.875
14. Argentina (Metropolitan)	2.790
15. Sweden	2.788
16. Belgium	2.736
17. Norway	2.725
18. Austria	2.719
19. Czechoslovakia	2.674
20. Bulgaria	2.663
21. Portugal	2.654
22. Romania	2.611
23. England	2.556
24. Algeria	2.526
25. Spain	2.500
26. Yugoslavia	2.426
27. Greece	2.422
28. Russia	2.277
29. Poland	2.242
30. Israel	2.027
31. Italy	2.021
32. Morocco	1.974
33. Turkey	1.880

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JAPANESE involvement in the World Club Cup has opened many eyes in the mainstream of the game to possibilities in the land of the rising sun.

The game there is beginning to thrive and the Japanese continue to welcome British teams in particular to play exhibition matches. Arsenal and Tottenham were the first to go there and Spurs actually won a now annual competition known as the Japan Cup.

FIFA have, for some time, been sending out coaches, referees and administrators to teach and assist with the development of Japanese football and, to supplement this, the second World Youth championships were held there in 1979.

The decision to test the waters of competition meant a recent visit to Britain by the national squad, under the management of Takaji Mori and coach Hidemitsu Hanaoka. There were plenty of good signs — those who attended their match against Fulham will well remember the Japanese goal in a 2-1 defeat, a spectacular shot by Masaaki Katoh from a pass by Hisashi Katoh.

Mori says: "Right now we stand very low in world football rankings, mostly because we are amateurs. When we construct a professional league we can move up. The problem is that in the schools our boys are taught too rigidly how to play. It's put over in almost military fashion. They are not encouraged to think for themselves."

The Japanese aim to demonstrate their progress at the next Olympics. Let's wait and see.

WHAT an odd appointment to give English referee Clive White charge of the decisive World Cup-tie between Czechoslovakia and Russia in Bratislava, when all Welsh hopes depended on it. An Irishman or a Scot would have been a more neutral choice, surely? But all the Welsh players appear in the English League where White is regularly on duty. This is to cast no aspersions in the direction of White, who is favourite to be England's referee in the World Cup finals. But any controversy would have placed him a difficult position – and FIFA would have been to blame.

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NOW it's official — France will stage the 1984 European championship finals, and that in turn means a possible profit of £3.5 million.

At least, that was the estimate provided by the French in their application papers as they beat off a challenge both from England and West Germany.

The finals will take the form of two groups of four teams, with the winners and runners-up playing knock-out semi-finals on the way to the final. The French anticipate using seven stadia — the Parc des Princes (capacity 48,360) for the final, and for the other matches the Stade-Velodrome of Marseille (51,000), the Stade de Gerland at Lyon (50,000), the Geoffroy-Guichard at Saint-Etienne (40,417), the Stade Meinau at Strasbourg (49,900), the Stade Felix-Bollaert at Lens (39,930) and the only proposed new stadium, at Nantes (52,000).

The semi-finals would probably be in Lyon and Marseille.

The French estimate total receipts at £4.5 million, with about £1 million going in costs and taxes and UEFA and FIFA contributions.

Already they have done their homework. They've checked out their venues for airports, internal air links, training centres and Press facilities.

The championships are little more than two years away and already France are far better prepared than Colombia appear to be for the 1986 World Cup!

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ON THAT subject, it appears only a matter of time before FIFA swing the event away to Brazil.

Colombian officials say they could still possibly keep the event if the number of finalists were dropped back to 16 from 24 — but which the confederation would give way on numbers?

Brazil could happily cope with 24 countries. In fact, the more the merrier. They have the stadia and they have the enthusiasm. They also want to win the Cup again and make up for that shattering home-ground defeat in 1950.

An early projection (you'll need the atlas for this) has suggested Fortaleza, Recife and Maceio up in the north-east for group one; Sao Paulo in the south for group two; Porto Alegre in the far south for group three; Belo Horizonte and Goiania in the centre for group four; Cuiaba and Campo Grande in the west for group five; and Aracaju and Salvador in the east for group six. The second round groups could be based on Rio, Sao Paulo, Goiania/Belo Horizonte, and Porto Alegre.

Semi-finals in Sao Paulo and Rio and the final, of course, in the Maracana . . . just like 1950.

Maybe even Uruguay might have sorted themselves out by then to return to the finals where, 32 years ago, they scored their greatest success.

Karl Heinz Rummenigge . . . will he walk off with the European Footballer of the Year crown again?

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SANTILLANA, centre forward of Real Madrid, was sent off recently at the end of the match against Valencia, which Madrid had won 3-0. His offence was swearing at referee Condon Urio. Santillana was duly handed a one-game suspension, but Urio was banned for a month, for failing to submit a correctly-completely report form!

World Soccer Diary . . .

AT THE end of December/start of January, *France Football* will announce the results of their long-running European Footballer of the Year poll.

Who will be voted No. 1 this year in succession to Karl-Heinz Rummenigge? It's hard to see much chance of the trophy escaping the *Bundesliga* for what could be the fifth year in a row after Allan Simonsen (then Borussia Mg), Kevin Keegan twice (then Hamburg) and now Rummenigge (Bayern).

Rummenigge's Bayern skipper and midfield schemer Paul Breitner appeared a narrow favourite earlier this season. Now Rummenigge's scoring feats in West Germany's World Cup qualifying success may have edged him back in front.

Presumably Dino Zoff and Michel Platini will again collect quite a few votes, but in the end I'll be surprised if the trophy leaves Bayern.

Obituary: ERALDO MONZEGLIO. One of Italy's outstanding full backs in the 1930s and later a popular coach, he died on November 3, aged 75. Monzeglio was born near Alessandria on June 5, 1906, but his family moved to Casale, where his career in football began. He played in the youth team, then made his first-team debut in a 1-0 win over Internazionale in 1923.

In 1927 Monzeglio joined Bologna, staying until 1935, helping them to win the Mitropa Cup twice and the championship once. He played four more years with Roma before retiring. Monzeglio won 35 caps for Italy between 1930 and 1938, including a place in the 1934 World Cup-winning team. His coaching career started with a successful league championship-winning campaign at Roma in 1941-42. After the war he was in charge at Como, Pro Sesto, Napoli (1949-1956), Monza, Sampdoria, Napoli again and Juventus. Later worked with Chiasso and Lecco before retiring in 1967.

JULIO LIBONATTI. The one-time Argentine and Italian international died in Rosario, at 80. Born on July 5, 1901, Libonatti was one of the world's first dual internationals. An inside-left, he played first for Newell's Old Boys, scoring seven goals in 15 matches for Argentina — including the goal which beat Uruguay in the 1921 South American Championship. A year later he joined Italy's Torino, making his debut for Italy in 1926 in a 3-1 defeat by Czechoslovakia in Prague. All in all he scored 15 goals in 17 games for Italy.

FRANTISEK FADRHONC. The manager who took Holland to the 1974 World Cup finals — and then was demoted to assistant to Rinus Michels — died in Nicosia, Cyprus, aged 67. Born in Czechoslovakia, Fadrhonc moved to Holland in 1949 and became a Dutch citizen in 1966. After the 1974 World Cup Fadrhonc coached AEK Athens briefly. Since this past summer he had been trainer of Nicosia team, Keravnos.

WILFRIED PUIS. Outside-left who won 49 caps for Belgium in the early 1960s, he died after a long illness at just 39. Puis joined Anderlecht in 1961 and was a member of the highly-attractive side who knocked Real Madrid out of the 1962-63 Champions' Cup and earned a great deal of glory — if few prizes — over the next couple of years with their possession game based on a rigid offside trap. Voted Belgian Footballer of the Year in 1964 he later joined Brugge in part-exchange for Rob Rensenbrink.

BOBBY McGREGOR. The 60-year-old Glentoran and Northern Ireland physio collapsed and died while dashing onto the field to attend an injured player during the Champions' Cup second-round first-leg between CSKA Sofia and Glentoran.

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GOLDEN SHOE leaders: Hansen (Odense) 28. Jorgensen (Nykobing) 22. Gavrilov (Moscow Spartak), Himanka (OPs), Shengelia (Tbilisi) 21. T. Nilsson (IFK Gothenburg) 20. Christensen (Lyngby) 18. Bastrup (Aarhus/Hamburg), Skovboe (Naestved), Belfield (KTP), Kist (Alkmaar) all 17. Andersen (KB Copenhagen) 16. Larsson (Orgryte) 15. Blokhin (Kiev), Platini (Saint-Etienne) 14. Sjoeberg (Malmö), Sandberg (IFK), Vabec (Brest), Kieft (Ajax), Kerekes (Debrecen), Iversen (Esbjerg), Edstrom (Monaco) all 13. Hjelm (Ilves), Jaakonsari (HJK Helsinki), Hansson (Brage), Martindahl (Atvidaberg), Bakota (Sturm Graz), Berggren (Lyngby), Clark (Airdrie), Geels (PSV Eindhoven) all 12.

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DATES TO WATCH: *Jan 2* — English FA Cup 3rd round. *Jan 15* — European competitions player deadline for semi-finals. *Jan 23* — FA Cup 4th round. *Jan 26* — Brazil-Yugoslavia (Belem).

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WE TOLD YOU . . . *20 years ago,* that Sir Stanley Rous had taken over as FIFA president . . . *ten years ago,* that Vasas defender, Kalman Meszoly, had been reinstated after a club suspension . . . *five years ago,* that Kuwait wanted Poland's Kazimierz Gorski to succeed Mario Zagalo as national manager.

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NAMES IN THE NEWS . . . Atlas of Mexico have signed MIGUEL ANGEL BORDON from Boca Juniors . . . Peruvian veteran, HUGO SOTIL, says he wants to play in the World Cup Finals . . . Benfica's JOAO ALVES has been battling with the club over a mysterious injury which their doctors diagnose as procrastination . . . Mexican star, HUGO SANCHEZ, complains that Atletico Madrid are playing him out of position on the wing . . . another blow for Basel — spearhead, HARALD NICKEL, may need a knee operation . . . ROGER BERBIG has played his 150th league game in goal for Grasshoppers Zurich . . . Nottingham Forest have given a trial to West German forward, JÜRGEN RÖBER, ex-Bayern Munich and Galgary . . . Yugoslavia's ZLATKO VUJOVIC was chosen as an unofficial European player of the year in an Eastern bloc poll . . . FK Austria's CHAVDAR TSVETKOV has his leg in plaster . . . Anderlecht's LUDO COECK will be out for the rest of the year . . . DALTRO MENEZES is new coach of Santos — their third in a year . . . Danish forward, GERD JORGENSEN, has left Nykøbing for Innsbrück.

Relief for Tanzania

by James Mwambazi

TANZANIA, hosts of the ninth East and Central African Senior Challenge Cup, must be feeling greatly relieved that the whole thing is over.

From the beginning, the tournament appeared a non-starter, because of lack of funds. Fortunately the government of Julius Nyerere then stepped in. But that was not all.

Somalia and Ethiopia pulled out, leaving eight teams in the tournament; Zambia had to make a last-minute replacement of their entire national team after a road accident in which several senior players were seriously injured; Zimbabwe, making their debut in the tournament, sacked 15 of their regular players who staged a walk-out; Kenya had to scramble out of their plane's emergency exit when they arrived in Tanzania.

Despite these setbacks the tournament went on successfully. Kenya, who made a poor showing in the last tournament in Sudan — rose to the occasion this time, beating Tanzania 1-0 in the final in Dar-es-Salaam.

The man who gave the Kenyans victory was James Ouma, his 22nd minute goal caught out the Tanzanian defence trying to play the off-side trap.

Earlier Tanzania, winners last in 1974, hammered Zanzibar 3-1 and drew 2-2 with Malawi (twice champions in 1975 and 1976).

In Group B at Mwanza, the coastal town on Lake Victoria, Zambia fought their way to the semi-finals despite opening with a 3-1 defeat at the hands of Uganda. They then drew 1-1 with Zimbabwe, and were trailing at the bottom of the table with a single point

Group A — Tanzania 3, Zanzibar 1; Tanzania 2, Malawi 2; Tanzania 1, Kenya 0; Kenya 1, Malawi 0; Kenya 2, Zanzibar 1; Malawi 4, Zanzibar 1. **Group B** — Zambia 1, Uganda 3; Zambia 1, Zimbabwe 1; Zambia 2, Sudan 0; Uganda 2, Sudan 2; Sudan 0, Zimbabwe 0; Uganda 0, Zimbabwe 0.

SEMI-FINALS

Arusha (Abeid Memorial Stadium) — November 25
Tanzania 2 (Peter Tino, Zamoyoni Mongella).
Zambia 1 (Happy Lotti)
HT: 0-0; **Att:** 15,000

Dar-es-Salaam (National Stadium) — November 25
Kenya 1 (James Ouma 22)
Uganda 0
HT: 1-0; **Att:** 25,000.

THIRD PLACE

(Dar-es-Salaam (National Stadium) — November 28
Zambia 1 (Clement Banda 24)
Uganda 0
HT: 1-0; **Att:** 30,000

FINAL

Dar-es-Salaam (National Stadium) — November 29
Kenya 1 (James Ouma 22)
Tanzania 0
HT: 1-0; **Att:** 40,000.

UNBEATEN RECORD FOR FAVOURITES

PLAYED EIGHT — won eight, goal tally 33-3 — that is the incredible record of West Germany's national team in their World Cup qualifying group. It is without parallel in any European section. Poland also won all her matches, but they only played four.

Thus, the Germans kept their amazing world record for at least another four years: they have not yet lost a World Cup qualifying tie since they first started taking part in 1934. They played 30 matches, winning 27, drawing 3 and amassed the goals tally of 110-18!

Team manager, Jupp Derwall, was well satisfied with the last two performances within four days. The 8-0 win over Albania in Dortmund was followed by a 4-0 thrashing of Bulgaria in Düsseldorf. In neither game did the Germans field their full side. Eike Immel (Borussia Dortmund) was given his chance in goal before his home crowd, Hannes replaced Stielike in the Bulgaria match because the latter had to play a league match with Real Madrid. In that game the experiment was tried of using two centre forwards with Fischer and Hrubesch, but without great success.

Of the established stars Hansi Müller (VfB Stuttgart) was missing. The schemer had to undergo a cartilage operation which was performed by a well-known surgeon in Zurich; he will be out of action for at least two months.

Paul Breitner of Bayern Munich.

The star of Germany's two quick victories was European "Footballer of the Year" Karl-Heinz Rummenigge. He hit a hat-trick against Albania and followed up with a couple v. Bulgaria. Five goals in internationals in the space of four days is not bad going, to use an understatement. In both matches Rummenigge was simply irresistible.

Whether dribbling, or running off the ball, heading, passing or shooting, he had world class stamped all over. On this form he is easily the most brilliant and lethal striker in Europe.

A major role, too, was played by his team-mate Paul Breitner. His promptings, and vision, acceleration and finishing were of the highest order. His only disappointment recently was the fine imposed for the fracas in which Bayern were involved in Madrid. As already reported, in *World Soccer*, the Bayern team walked off the field during a match for third place against Dynamo Tbilisi, because of some bizarre refereeing decisions which resulted in sendings off for Breitner and Rummenigge.

Appeal

Bayern and Breitner were each fined £1,250. They were considering an appeal but may decide against it, because of the bad publicity this case has already received, both at home and in Spain.

Bayern, meanwhile, are still looking for replacements in defence, where Kurt Niedermayer (25) was missing for weeks due to an operation on a hernia. Their target still is Bruno Pezzey, the world-class sweeper of Eintracht Frankfurt and the Austrian national side. Cup-holders Eintracht are in debt estimated at over £1½ million and could be persuaded to part with Pezzey for £500,000.

The player who is unanimously rated "the best foreigner" in German football is under contract till 1983, but would clearly love to try his luck in Munich.

Bundesliga leaders Hamburger SV made a profit of only £20,500 last season. The early exit from Europe was mainly responsible. In 1979-80 the club earned a clear £400,000. Although the takings from European and German cup matches amounted to £750,000, Hamburg's outgoings were heavy. Basic salaries and bonuses in German football are among the highest in Europe and rival those paid in Spain and Italy.

Hamburg's star, Franz Beckenbauer, earns £50,000 a year basic pay from the club. But his other income comes from the club's sponsors, the oil company BP who pay him £162,500 p.a. and the famous sports equipment firm Adidas, who contribute £62,500 to Beckenbauer's total earnings of £275,000 a year (not counting bonuses and income from various other promotions). He is, in fact, the best paid footballer in Germany, but will hang up his boots on June 30 and at the age of 36 he intends to become a sports journalist.

One Hamburg player will look back on November as his lucky month. Jürgen Milewski (24) a wing forward, was picked for the first time into the national squad and gained his first cap replacing Rummenigge soon after the start of the second half of the match v. Albania.

WEST GERMANY by Arthur Rotmil

Heroics

Two former Bayern Munich players are now active in England with a First Division club. Jürgen Röber (27) is the first German in English football since the days of the unforgettable goalkeeper Bert Trautmann (Manchester City), a former paratrooper and prisoner of war, who even became England's "Footballer of the Year" in 1956, after his heroics in a Wembley Cup Final when he played despite a broken neck.

Midfielder Röber played for Ford-Niehl (Cologne), FC Zons, TuS Lingen, Werder Bremen and Bayern, where after just one unsuccessful season he was shoved off to America. Chicago Stings received £250,000 for him from obviously hard-up Nottingham Forest, where he rejoins the Norwegian national "libero" Jan Einar Aas, who also failed in Munich! It was, in fact, Aas who recommended Röber to Forest . . .

Eintracht Brunswick were going to charge the centre-forward of Karlsruher SC, Emmanuel Günther, with causing deliberate injury to their Swedish international defender Hasse Borg. During a league match Günther committed a particularly bad foul which broke the leg of the Swede. Brunswick were also demanding a "life-long" ban on Günther who, meanwhile, was dropped by Karlsruhe, who feared a possible hostile crowd reaction to the widely publicised incident, the second of its kind in the Bundesliga this season, following the equally horrendous injury sustained by Arminia Bielefeld's Ewald Lienen.

His "assailant", Norbert Siegmann, of Werder Bremen, was also threatened with a civil court action, but the matter fizzled out while Bremen's team manager, Otto Rehhagsl, who was charged with having incited Siegmann to fouling Lienen, was eventually acquitted by the DFB. The disciplinary commission of the DFB demanded a three-month ban and a £2,500 fine for Rehhagel, but the DFB abstained from creating a precedent.

Sent off

The third player to be sent off in the First Bungesliga was Horst Weyerich (1.FC Nürnberg). By comparison: In the English First Division, at the corresponding stage of the season, already 23 players had been given marching orders, in all competitions — including ten in pre-season friendlies.

The second team manager from the First Bundesliga to be fired was Willibert Kremer, who left Bayer Leverkusen. Kremer has done a lot to develop youngsters in Leverkusen, a team sponsored by Bayer, the world famous manufacturers of chemicals and pharmaceutical aids.

Hamburg SV, back row, left to right: Hrubesch, Jakobs, Heironymus, Reimann, Memering. Middle: Ristic, Hartwig, Buljan, Stein, Von Heesen, Keitka, Magath, Kaltz, Zebec. Front: Meyer, Hidien, Dressel, Greh, Milewski, Wehmeyer, Reiger.

The new team chief is Gerhard Kentschke (39), whose assistant is the club's former goalkeeper Fred Bockholt (39). Bayer, who dropped to 14th place in the table, reluctantly parted with Kremer after five and a half years. This season the 1.FC Nürnberg already dismissed their team boss, Heinz Elzner.

The West Germans want to extend the winter break, bearing in mind that they have the shortest summer break in Europe — just three weeks. A study comprising 19 pages gives evidence that during the worst two winter months in December and January, the weather conditions lead to an appreciable drop in attendances and many matches are postponed, this despite the fact that unlike in England, in Germany they play often on a blanket of snow and ice which is rolled flat by special equipment.

The future of the *Bundesliga* clubs will also be more flexible when calling off games. If by Thursday it is certain that at least four matches will have to be postponed, then the whole programme will be cancelled.

The West German Football Federation (DFB) claims to be the largest in the world. At the last count, it boasted 4.4 million registered players and 125,000 teams. The number of clubs has risen since the last survey by 374 to reach 18,987, while the total membership increased by 81,375 to 4,402,679. Of the teams, 24,526 embraced 14 to 18 year olds, 44,343 are schoolboys teams (up to 14 years).

Unlike in England and Italy, in West Germany a junior can only sign professional forms when he is 18 years old. Hence you don't see any 17-year-olds in the Bundesliga, except as apprentices. In addition, the youngsters must complete the compulsory national service, which lasts 15 months.

A lot is made in England of the fact that the national team only has five internationals before the World Cup Finals. "Lamentably little" one critic called it, "how can we prepare adequately under such circumstances?".

Well, it may interest *World Soccer* readers to know that the so-called "thorough" West Germans only have four internationals lined up before venturing to Spain!: 24 February v. Portugal, home; 21 March v. Brazil, away; 23 March v. Paraguay, away; 14 April, opposition as yet unknown.

The *Bundesliga* championship ends on 29 May, and 15 days later the World Cup starts in Spain. So how long do the Germans have to prepare: Ten days at most.

Latest news: Max Mercel (62), the highly-controversial team manager, has replaced Manfred Krafft, sacked by Karlsruhe SC. Merkel, known in German football as the "Great Zampano" (famous magician), already managed among others the 1.FC Nürnberg, 1860 Munich, Atletico Madrid and Schalke, with mixed success. His magnetism and personality possibly equalled in English soccer, say with Brian Clough, or the now exiled Malcolm Allison, is such that thousands of fans used to turn up just to see him conduct training sessions. Whether at his advanced age he can produce a miracle at Modest Karlsruhe remains to be seen. His "debut" ended in a disastrous 1-4 defeat by Cologne.

WEST GERMANY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Köln	15	9	4	2	31	12	22
Hamburg	15	8	4	3	42	19	20
Bayern	15	9	2	4	35	25	20
M'Gladbach	15	7	6	2	29	23	20
Frankfurt	15	8	2	5	40	27	18
W. Bremen	15	7	4	4	26	26	18
Brunswick	15	8	0	7	26	23	16
Bochum	14	5	5	4	27	24	15
Dortmund	15	6	3	6	25	20	15
K'Lautern	15	4	7	4	31	29	15
Stuttgart	15	4	5	6	19	24	13
Leverkusen	15	4	4	7	19	31	12
Karlsruhe	15	4	3	8	23	30	11
Düsseldorf	15	3	5	7	23	32	11
Nürnberg	15	4	3	8	20	30	11
Darmstadt	15	3	5	7	19	36	11
Bielefeld	14	3	4	7	13	21	10
Duisburg	15	4	2	9	23	39	10

Top scorer: Hoeness (Bayern), 11.

HOLLAND by Jan Herman de Bruijn

CRUYFF'S RETURN IS A TRIUMPH

THE first league match back home in more than eight years was a triumph for Johan Cruyff.

Sunday, December 6 (only one day after Sinterklass, a national holiday on which the Dutch have their Christmas presents) was a "gift-day" for Cruyff, Ajax and all the other Dutch clubs who have declining attendances and suffer from a general lack of interest.

Ajax-Haarlem was the match which brought the revival of Cruyff and over 23,000 people came to see it; well over 13,000 more than Ajax had expected. And since Ajax and Cruyff agreed that they would share the profit, it means that both Ajax and Cruyff earned £15,000 in less than two hours.

But not only financially was Cruyff's return a hit; on the field, too, Cruyff proved himself the master player, who had lost little of his skill.

He still was able to go round two or three players as easily as he used to; his passing was more than accurate and his vision almost unequalled.

The best moment against Haarlem came after 21 minutes when Cruyff rounded two players and then scored with a lob. "Only five players in the world could score such a goal," said a stunned Haarlem manager after the game.

Although Ajax won 4-1 not everyone had a good game. Most of the others are young and spent time watching the old master. Jesper Olsen, Ajax's new Danish winger, said: "In the beginning I only watched Cruyff. I was all nerves. To play with Cruyff was like a dream."

Cruyff said afterwards that he — who for a year or so coached all the Ajax youngsters — had expected this kind of reaction. But he was pleased with the way he played.

"It was an exciting day for me. The general opinion was that it would be a fiasco. So many people will be surprised now, but I am not. My return brought a lot of criticism. So when you score a goal like that, it is a nice thing to think that those mouths will be shut up for some time."

Ajax chairman, Ton Harmsen, said: "We are not going to calculate after every match what we have gained, but it is very important for all Dutch clubs that Cruyff has returned. I think that until the end of this season, all the clubs can make an extra £200,000, only because he is playing."

Dutch football needs the money, since standards still decline and violence on the terraces is becoming worse.

Exploded

Early in November a Molotov-cocktail exploded only five yards from Feyenoord goalkeeper, Hiele, during the Feyenoord-NEC Nijmegen match, and a fortnight later two bombs (one, the last one, with unbelievable power) exploded in The Hague. The match between The Hague and FC Utrecht had to be abandoned after 41 minutes.

FC Den Haag (The Hague, who have West Ham's Nicky Morgan on loan) suffer more than any other team from crowd violence and the inevitable decline of public interest.

But other clubs have their problems, too. FC Utrecht and PEC/Zwolle, for example. Both clubs are so much in the red it is possible they will fold after this season.

Problems

In the case of FC Utrecht there is even more to be afraid of. For months there have been rumours that a part of the club's financial problems follow a policy of irregular payments on players. The city of Utrecht (the major sponsors of the club) asked for a police investigation.

A third club having problems are Feyenoord who have already announced that they will not carry on with the Czech, Vaclav Jezek, as their coach.

Jezek said: "Perhaps this is better for Feyenoord. The results are bad, the stands are empty and it could be good for Feyenoord if somebody else takes my job at the end of the season."

The club's worst moment in perhaps all their history came in a home match against PEC/Zwolle, which attracted only 12,000 people. Although leading 4-1 and 5-3, Feyenoord played so badly that the final result was 5-5.

And during this bad spell, midfield player Wim van Hanegem — a legend in Dutch football — left the field in anger at the lack of commitment from his fellow players.

A crisis meeting some days later cleared the air a bit, but it will be a long time before Feyenoord are the top club they used to be.

Kevin Keegan is in the middle of the action for England during the 1-0 World Cup win over Hungary.

HUNGARY by Leslie Vernon

FULL SPEED AHEAD FOR MESZOLY!

FULL speed ahead for the World Cup in Spain for the Hungarians! Everything else must take second place, and the Championship will be played off in double quick time.

To give more elbow room to the national team manager, Kalman Meszoly, four rounds of league football have been brought forward to December, and the Cup matches will be dispensed with before the end of April.

Hungary have only one full international match planned for the spring, against Austria, but the national team will play several games against foreign club sides.

In the meantime, this topsy-turvy league season continues with the lead changing hands practically after every round.

With 16 games played, Tatabanya are on top of the table with 22 points. The provincials, led by Dr. Karoly Lakat, are pretty consistent, and in their last match they beat Vasas 1-0.

Previously, they threw away a point against lowly Volan, and they could only draw with Haladas 1-1. But they beat Zalaegerszeg 3-1 in an excellent match, in which their tall centre-forward Weimper starred with two goals.

Consolation goal

He scored his first from the penalty spot in the 35th minute, and his second just before the half-time whistle, when he took a Fejes throw-in past a defender and slammed the ball home from the edge of the penalty area. Csapo, who had such a wretched game at Wembley, netted the third, and Simon got a consolation goal for the visitors.

Ujpest Dozsa and Videoton are joint second — one point behind Tatabanya. Dozsa are certainly playing better this season under new manager, Temesvari, and they are particularly effective in "derby" matches. They beat both Honved and Ferencvaros 3-2 and 2-1 respectively, but dropped a point at Ozd, where the newly-promoted provincials play with a great deal of confidence.

The "Fradi" match was a midweek affair at the Dozsa ground, and the visitors lined-up without the injured Nyilasi.

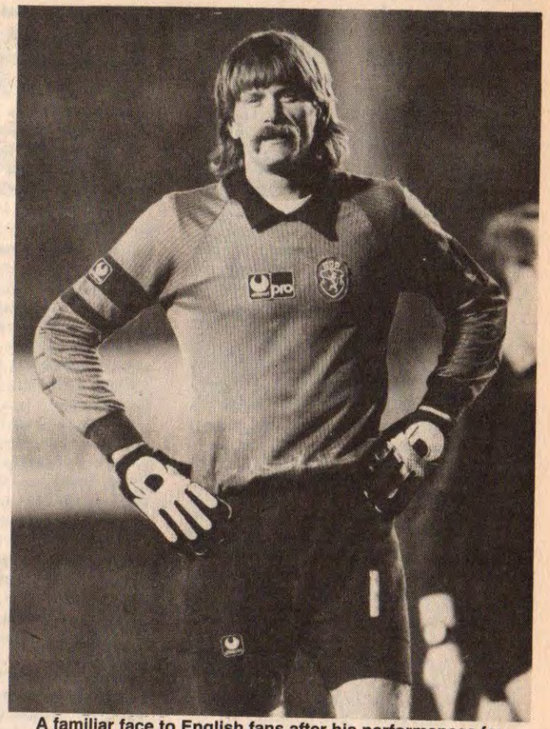
In front of 12,000 people, Dozsa took the lead in the ninth minute, when Jancsika miscued a back-pass, the ball beat Kakas in goal, and finished up in the net for a spectacular own goal.

Six minutes later, the teams were level — Pogany sent in an accurate centre, and Szokolai headed past goalkeeper Kollar.

Szucs took the ball upfield in the 26th minute, passed it to Kiss, who had the simple task of putting it into the net from eight yards.

These "new" names indicate that Dozsa are a much changed team these days, only Toth, Nagy and Torocsik represent the old guard.

I must add that Torocsik was outstanding against Ferencvaros, although he didn't score — indeed, it is a rarity nowadays when this gifted player finds the net.



A familiar face to English fans after his performances for Sporting Lisbon against Southampton and Hungary at Wembley is goalkeeper Ferenc Meszaros.

Fradi also lost a "derby" game against Vasas 3-1, and they are dropping points with abandon, especially in the provinces. Their only really good performance was against Videoton at home, when young Koch adequately stood-in for the still injured Tibor Nyilasi.

Koch is only 18, a name for the future. At the moment, he is busy with his studies, but once he becomes a full-time footballer, great things are expected of him.

Takacs scored the first goal against defence-minded Videoton in the last minute of the first half, Koch himself netted the second after a mazy dribble in the 50th minute, and substitute Szabadi tricked goalkeeper Disztl before the third in the 88th minute — 3-0!

Raba Eto are playing well this season. They have 20 points and are fourth in the table. Honved are fifth, but the Army-team are going through a sticky patch.

They were beaten at home by Videoton, lost at Ujpest, and their only significant success was against Vasas — a 3-1 win.

This was a fairly eventful encounter, in which Gujdar, the Honved goalkeeper, earned "the man of the match" accolade with some excellent saves.

But even he couldn't do anything about the first goal scored by Izso, which put the visitors ahead. The Honved defenders claimed "off-side" against Szebegyinszky, who passed the ball to Izso, but the referee was not interested. The home team equalised from a penalty taken by Varga in the 23rd minute.

The second half was all Honved, Kerepeczky and Garaba scored for a well-deserved victory.

Manager Lajos Tichy was satisfied, saying that it was about time that the team showed their best form in front of the home crowd — a pitiful 6,000 . . .

Still no real favourites for the league, I wouldn't put my money on any one of these mediocre teams. The World Cup qualifiers are over, and the race for the best Hungarian player of the tournament is finished.

Imre Garaba gained the votes of the public and the press, Fazekas came second and Muller third.

Garaba's prize? A colour TV set — a luxury item in Budapest!

SCANDINAVIA by Frank Sjoman

FOURTH TITLE FOR OSTERS

IN SWEDEN the season ended very much as expected, Östers IF from Växjö taking the league title with ease with a four-point margin over IFK Göteborg.

However, after having lost only once in the opening 22 matches (19 wins) the champions seemed to lose both interest and their four last games. That, together with the heavy defeat by Bayern München in Europe meant the season ended on a flat note for Osters and only 2,015 bothered to turn up for the final league game and the presentation of medals.

It was Öster's fourth title after 1968, 1978 and 1980 and a well deserved triumph for a team who try to play intelligent soccer with a positive approach. Almost every player is a full international and about half the current national side consists of Östers' players.

In goal there is Tomas Ravelli, who at 21 seems set for a long career as Sweden's first choice. Safe in the air and with excellent reflexes he reminds one of the young Hellström and that is high praise in Sweden. Tomas now has 10 caps.

Right back Greger Hallén (26) played third division soccer two years ago but is now a reliable marker, strong in the tackle and not easily impressed — 7 caps.

Tomas's twin-brother Andreas is mainly centrehalf but can be used in several positions, a tireless worker and good header of the ball. He, so far, has 11 caps.

In midfield is the excellent ballplayer Peter Nilsson, the 23 year old captain, and the one who keeps the side ticking. He has been capped 28 times.

His colleague on the leftside of the midfield, Karl-Gunnar Björklund, came late into the national side and at 28 now has eight caps. Björklund is a tremendously strong player, a fine header of the ball and packs a terrific shot from set pieces.

These are the current internationals but libero Per-Olof Bild (a nephew to Harry) has two caps, leftback Johnny Gustafsson three, midfielders Mats Nordgren and Stefan Larsson 19 and three respectively, winger Tommy Evesson four and striker Jan Mattsson 13.

Mattsson returned this season from the Bundesliga (Düsseldorf and Uerdingen) and his arrival helped to balance the loss of regular top-scorer Teitur Thordarson, the Icelander who left for Lens after a third of the season.

In reserve Öster have two promising players, who would walk into every other first division side. They are 21 year old striker Peter Truedsson, who scores regularly for the Swedish U-21 team and Finnish international Peter Utriainen, another 21 year old, who has been perhaps the best Finnish international this season.

Östers' scorers during the season: Mattsson 11, Evesson 7, Nordgren 7, Truedsson 7, Peter Svensson 6, Thomas Nyman 5, Nilsson 4, Thordarson 4, Björklund 2, Hallén 2, Larsson 1, Utriainen 1.

All was not, however, rosy in the Eastern garden (Öster means "the East" in Swedish). After the season the players more or less forced manager Bo Johansson to leave and after three years he is now going back to Kalmar FF. However, the players didn't get the successor they wanted — former international Agne Simonsson. The Board overruled them and Öster are to be coached by Leif Widén from second division Gefle/Brynäs, who is inexperienced at the highest level.

If they hadn't started so badly (three straight losses) IFK Göteborg would have challenged Öster for the title. Now this talented and expensive team have had to settle for second place, having played the last 18 matches without losing. IFK's Torbjörn Nilsson won the scorers' title with 20 goals and it is a pity that this, the most talented and best player in the country, is not interested in playing for the national side. Torbjörn has done so 21 times but though there is no animosity on either side, he has stated that he won't appear anymore.

IFK Norrköping regained some of their former glory (11 league-titles and five runners-up positions between 1943 and 1963) by coming third and at times played some delightful football, having three good forwards and a midfield primarily keen on attacking.

Brage repeated their fourth position from 1980 and that was something of a surprise. They still rely mostly on a safe defence though. Brage let in only 13 goals during their first 23 matches but 14 in the last three!

Malmö FF finished fifth, their worst since 1972. It also means that if MFF don't win the cup (the quarter-finals will be played in April) they will miss out on Europe for the first time since 1964! Shades of Liverpool!

Newcomers Örgryte IS from Göteborg played a lot of good football and with veteran Björn Nordqvist still going strong at 39 they finished sixth. In Thomas Larsson (14 goals) and Sören Börjesson (8) they have a dangerous attacking partnership.

Double for Helsingin JK

THE FINNISH season ended with a total success for Helsingin JK, who won the league title as well as the cup.

This double has been done only twice before in Finland, with Valkeakosken Haka claiming both trophies in 1960 and 1977. HJK are however, the most succesful Finnish team ever with 13 league-titles (HPS of Helsinki are second with 9) and two cup wins.

The blue and whites finished second in the preliminary round behind KPT of Kuopio but hit top-form at the start of the play-offs. HJK won their five first games, including a 1-0 victory over KPT, and made sure of the title in the sixth game with a 1-1 draw away to TPS in Turku. It didn't matter then that the champions lost their last game, 3-1 at home to Haka.

HJK have a fairly young side but the most important player is midfielder or libero Juha Dahllund (27 years and 19 caps). He is the schemer, though a little frail to be of top international standard. Other current internationals are goalkeeper Olli Isoaho (25-14) and forward Pasi Jaakonsaari (22-8). The latter had the – for a striker – horrifying experience of not scoring for the first 18 league-matches but then scored 12 times in 11 outings to become the side's top-scorer.

In teenager Jari Europeans HKK have Finland's most promising player who is best as libero, which leaves Dahllund free for the midfield.

Atik Ismail is a Finnish George Best. This talented striker, of Turkish parentage but born in Finland, is still only 24 but has already has some unhappy experiences abroad (Turkey, Belgium and Sweden). He returned to Helsinki for this season but played so badly he even lost his place in the HKK team. And that happened to a player who only three years ago scored four goals in his three first full internationals.

Atik, however, with a record of 67 goals in 105 league-matches, has promised he will take care of himself and his career and made a brilliant comeback in the cup final where he scored three of HJK's four goals in the thrashing of Kuusysi, newly-promoted from the second division. Ismail has, when in form, probably more of a football brain than any other current Finnish player and his technique is good.

HJK's scorers in the league: Jaakonsaari 12, Ismail 10, Dahllund 8, Jari Parikka 7, Pertti Nissinen 5, Pasi Rasimus 4, Martti Holopainen 2, Jouko Soini 2, Alan Wooler 2, Europeaus 1, Reima Kokko 1, Ari Lehkosuo 1, Kalle Niemi 1, Jari Rantanen 1.

KPT in second place equalled their best position ever (from 1978) and since they took part in the relegation play-offs in 1980 that is quite an improvement. Haka, TPS, Ilves and KTP are always to be found among the top sides while KuPS, the country's leading side during the 1970s, had too young a side to make any impact.

Young that is except for 34 year old Olavi Rissanen who, with 141 league-goals, is second only to the legendary Kai Pahlman (190) in the all-time chart.

The last two years' champions, OPS from Oulu, had a real setback and could only finish eigth. They could, however, take some comfort from the fact that they supplied the leading scorer in the league (Juhani Himanka with 21) and that fullback Aki Lahtinen (23 years – 23 caps) was, for the second year running, chosen Finnish Footballer of the year. Lahtinen left OPS for Notts County before the play-offs, which may explain some of their problems.

There was quite a turn-over among the first division sides this season. In the play-offs for promotion and relegation only Sepsi-78 kept their status (Ferenc Bene scored five goals and is to return next season).

Of the three new teams coming up from the second division, Kuusysi, from the ski-centre of Lahti, are the most interesting. They are a free-scoring side (74 goals in 29 matches) with fullback Esa Pekonen (20 years – 5 caps) and striker Keijo Kousa (22 – 7) being fixtures in the national side.

Interesting also that with Elo's promotion, Kuopio will next season have three teams in the first division. That is proof enough that this town of 50,000 from central Finland is the new soccer-capital.

Unlike almost every other city they haven't fallen for the ice hockey-plague.

FRANCE by Andre Duclos

Hidalgo gamble pays dividends

THERE'S no denying it. Michael Hidalgo got things triumphantly right for the vital World Cup game against Holland, just as it might be argued that he got them wrong the previous game against Eire. The relative risk of "duplicating" players, latent in choosing both Tresor and Christian Lopez, both Michel Platini and Giresse, both Lacombe and a Dominique Rocheteau who no longer like to lurk on the right wing, proved well worth the running.

This was actually the ninth time that Tresor and the stalwart Lopez had played together. In the image of most French central defenders, both prefer the role of libero to that of stopper. Marius Tresor, as we know, had a triumphant World Cup in Argentina although barely more than seventy per cent fit.

Since then, injuries have continued to handicap him, but his recent fine form for Bordeaux made it mandatory to call him back again. Lopez, who had a bad game in Dublin, has actually said in the past that he would rather not play at all for France than be used as a stopper, but all was smoothed over and both men functioned to such effect that the potentially formidable Dutch attack was shut out. A very good augury indeed for Spain.

Little Giresse has grown in stature with his club, Bordeaux, and last season came most successfully into the team against the Belgians and the Dutch when Platini was injured. But Platini, who scored a marvellous opening goal against Holland from one of his famous free kicks (perfected against a wall of dummies!) is such a versatile fellow that it was surely plain that the two could co-exist.

True the recovery from injury of Lacombe and Rochteau meant that Platini was no longer needed as a notional centre-forward but in any given game he is capable of floating between midfield and the attack. Besides, the fine performance by France against Bulgariain 1977, when Platini played in midfield with Guillou (of whom more later) showed that he was quite capable of sharing the "creative" role.

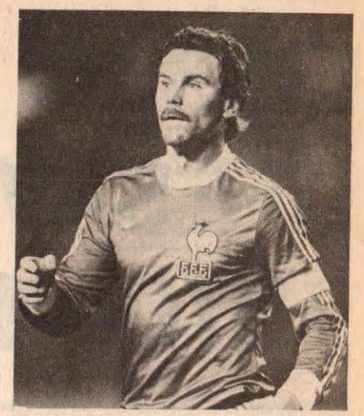
Not everybody sees French football, like Laurent Rouseey, as a cold, cruel world. Roussey, one of Saint Etienne's boy wonder attackers — Paganelli being the other — was complaining, as I recorded, of lack of warmth at the club. Now comes the ex Bayern Munich player, Gernoy Rohr, playing for Bordeaux, who says he would not go back to the Bundesliga for all the . . . beer in Munich.

Gernot Rohr says it is hard for him to imagine going back to play again in West Germany where "there is almost war in the stadiums. The epoch when I played at Bayern belongs to my worst experiences. It was a factory without any understanding for the cares and problems of the individual." At Bordeaux, by contrast, he makes it sound like earthly paradise; players often getting together for a meal, or simply sitting around the fire. "The word solidarity doesn't exist in Germany. In France, it is a principle." So happy is Bordeaux's right-back in the Gironde that perhaps Roussey should press Saint Etienne for a transfer to that happy club.

Meanwhile the Greens have somewhat mysteriously passed up the chance to sign another fine young French player. The 17 year old Guingamp sweeper and youth international, Philippe Lucas, seemed made for Saint Etienne who signed a preliminary contract for them last season and was duly expected to join them in 1982.

Instead, the unpredictable Roger Rocher, President of Saint Etienne, has been muttering about "young players being over used;" odd remark to come from the club which launched Roussey and Paganelli so young. Rocher has also said that Lucas is "very, very dear" which has caused some amusement in football circles here, given the size of Saint Etienne's resources and the relatively modest sum involved in acquiring a seventeen year old.

Will Abdallah Leigeon play for Algeria in the World Cup? The Monaco right-back has been in excellent form, so much so that his name has been suggested as a French international.



Christian Lopez of Saint Etienne and France.

He actually came to France at the age of two but still has strong feelings of loyalty and affection for Algeria. So he was very upset when the word went round in Algeria that his allegiance was first foremost and excusively to France.

He wants it made known, he says, that he is a loyal Algerian who would be delighted to play for his country of origin. We shall doubtless see.

Despite the ups and downs of our national side and the drab form of most of our entrants in Europe, this has been a French season with plenty of consolations, even if many of them have had to be provided, alas, by foreign stars.

Still, Jean-Marc Guillou is not a foreign star but a late developing, late lasting, French international of the highest technical qualities, and he is now back from Switzerland to delight us: even if it be in the Second Division with the ambitious Mulhouse team.

At Mulhouse, this splendid midfield player, as we used to know him, has stepped back to become a libero, where he continues to play with all the finesse which distinguished him in his international days; even if he does not get himself involved as much as he did in the rough and tumble of the game. Mulhouse may or may not come up this season.

A 3-1 home defeat by Rennes, who had the Dutch international Bonsink in form up front, was a harsh setback; but even that disappointment was slightly mitigated by the size of the crowd; 9,800 fans. That was almost exactly double the second highest attendance in Group B of the second division, that afternoon.

Talking, again, of Gernot Rohr, Bordeaux's West German had the mortification of being mistakenly substituted at Hamburg in the second leg of the UEFA Cup second round match.

It was the intention of Aime Jacquet, the Bordeaux manager, to pull off his Algerian international Kourichi and put on Martinez to pep up the attack.

Alas, such as Jacquet's haste that he seized the number two card and held it aloft instead of the number 4 card; so it was not Kourichi who trotted off the field but Rohr. Needless to say, the verbal response of the Bordeaux manager was largely unprintable.

All the more heartening that Rohr should still be so very happy in French football!

ITALY by Keir Radnedge

KISS OF LIFE SAVES ANTOGNONI

ONLY mouth-to-mouth resuscitation saved the life of World Cup star Giancarlo Antognoni after a goalmouth collision in the *Serie A* match between Fiorentina and Genoa.

That stark fact stunned all *Calcio*, coming as it did only two weeks after the kiss of life and heart massage had saved the life of another first division player, Salvatore Di Somma, captain of Avellino.

It will be several weeks yet before it is known whether Antognoni will ever play again. He suffered two skull fractures in his collision with Genoa goalkeeper Silvano Martina, the Sarajevo-born 28-year-old who now faces possible prosecution over the incident.

Fiorentina were leading 2-1 — thanks to an Antognoni penalty a few minutes earlier — when the incident occurred ten minutes after half-time. Daniel Bertoni hit a long cross over from the left which Antognoni chased into the penalty area. Martina came out of his goal and, as Antognoni went to head the ball, so Martina went to kick it — his right knee striking Antognoni's head.

Impact

The consequences of the impact were obvious. Genoa players rushed to Antognoni's aid and almost immediately sweeper Claudio Onofri turned and shouted to the bench: "Run, run, Antognoni's dead!"

Genoa club doctor Pierluigi Gatto was first to arrive and began heart massage without success; Fiorentina masseur Ennio Raveggi then tried the kiss of life . . . and, after what both men estimated at about 25 seconds, Antognoni's pulse began again.

He was taken to hospital and underwent a three-hour operation. His life was saved, though the consequences to his career remain unknown. The Hungarian star, Tibor Nyilasi, returned successfully to the game after a skull fracture. But one also recalls the brilliant Czech striker, Rudi Kucera, who fractured his skull while playing in the Champions' Cup for Dukla Prague in the early 1960s.

Kucera collided with Gornik defender Stanislas Oslizlo and despite several attempted comebacks eventually had to admit failure.

Antognoni's accident — Fiorentina, incidentally, went on to win the game 3-2 — came at a time when he was up to his eyes in controversy over his infuriating lack of consistency when playing for the national team. Both in Milan and Turin the fans have been less than enthusiastic over the displays of the Fiorentina skipper and with the recent rise of Torino's Giuseppe Dossena, there was a question mark over his previously unchallenged right to a role in the World Cup midfield.

Incident

The fame of Antognoni overshadowed the incident a fortnight before when Di Somma was given heart massage after suffering a cardiac arrest playing for Avellino against Ascoli.

Di Somma, 33, was advised by colleagues and fans not to risk a comeback. He said only; "Our old coach, Bersellini, used to say I was made of granite. A little thing like this can't make me give up football."

But later he was starting to have second thoughts. What is remarkable is that, after the heart attack death during a game of Perugia's Renato Curi three years ago, there should be any possibility that Di Somma, at his age, should be allowed to play again.

Giancarlo Antognoni receiving the kiss of life.

Legal action is still a possibility against federation medical officers for allowing Curi to play on after doubts over his heart had been reported.

All in all, it has been a sad month for Italian football, with Roberto Bettega being put out of the game for two to three months with a knee ligament injury suffered in the disastrous Champions' Cup return against Anderlecht.

On top of that there have been some ugly outbreaks of violence among supporters, the sort of hooliganism which is rapidly spreading over the continent from Britain. On the same day as the Antognoni incident, some 13 fans were hurt in knife fights and punch-ups in Milan and several other cities.

And the following week top commentator Luigi Necco of RAI was shot in the knees by two young men as he came out of a restaurant in Avellino on his way to the Avellino-Cesena game. Fortunately Necco was not badly hurt.

Violence on the field too. Roma's Brazilian star, Paulo Roberto Falcao, was sent off in the 35th minute of the game against Internazionale for a foul on Sandro Altobelli. Falcao, the key figure in the Roma midfield, had already been cautioned. and, in his absence, Roma went down 3-2 and lost their place at the top of the table.

Midfield

Juventus went back to No. 1 thanks to a 2-0 win over Bologna with goals from Pietro Paolo Virdis and Antonio Cabrini. Though Bettega was missing Marco Tardelli was fit again and his iron will in midfield gave Juve new resolve.

The sort of resolve Milan could do with. They lost 1-0 to Ascoli the same day and slumped to the bottom of the table, the first time they'd been holding up the first division since November 27, 1938. Coach Gigi Radice is in mortal danger of being fired — indeed, by the time you read this, he may already have gone.

After that Ascoli defeat he was given seven days to rescue something and while the following week's surprising 1-1 draw away to Roma may have provided some respite, it's clear that changes are on the way in the crisis-torn Milan club. For one thing Felice Colombo, their suspended ex-president, has now decided to sell up. Giussi Farina, ex-president of Vicenza, is winning the takeover battle — or, at least, he's making the most noise to that effect!

Compared with the league scene, everything is almost tranquil on the national team front. While Italian interest in the European club competitions is already at an end, the *Azzurri* are sure of their place in the World Cup finals in Spain, and already manager Enzo Bearzot has been talking with the federation about his future beyond that.

How Radice must envy Bearzot such security.

AUSTRIA by Arthur Rotmil

Safely through to Spain

THE national team duly qualified for the World Cup finals behind West Germany and it should be a force to be reckoned with in Spain. Yet, the Football Federation's president Karl Sekanina is not entirely pleased with his charges, nor with the national team manager Karl Stotz.

Apparently the Austrians were so lethargic in the friendly with Spain (0-0), that Sekanina sent a personal letter to each player reminding him of his responsibility and demanding 100 per cent effort. The president's animosity toward the team chief Stotz is difficult, even for the local experts to explain. Perhaps Herr Sekanina is expecting a "Yes" man, which Stotz certainly isn't. After the goalless draw with Bulgaria which effectively clinched qualification for Spain, the president was moved to say:

"I am still critical of Stotz, because I have the impression that there are small groups and cliques within the national team. I demand guarantees of success, that means at least the entry into the second round of the world finals tournament."

Perhaps Sekanina has a point that there is some unrest within the national squad, precipitated by stories of high earnings spread by the "foreign legionaires". Walter Schachner, nicknamed Schoko, for instance, was proud to show off his brand new luxury Italian car given to him by his new club Cesena. Considering that the Italians only paid for him £325,000 to FK Austria, one can draw one's own conclusions. Certainly the other two Austrians active in Italy, "Schnekerl" Prohaska (Inter-Milan) and Dieter Mirnegg (Como) are also cashing in on a scale only dreamed of in their native land.

Strange seems to me the avowed intention of Sekanina to engage Ernst Happel, the former famous international and now team manager of West German league leaders Hamburger SV. Happel who performed a similar function of a "temporary" national team boss with Holland in 1978 would not mind taking over, although as he said. "I am a friend of Stotz and don't want to fall out with him over the question of priorities. On the other hand, Hamburg won't mind me going to the World Cup with Austria's national squad. They couldn't care less whether I spent my holidays on the Wörther Lake, or in Spain."

Sekanina will have a talk with Happel shortly to decide the matter and plan their strategy for the "Operation Mundial."

Apparently no one thought how Stotz, or even more importantly the players will feel. Happel is known to be a strict disciplinarian who has his own ideas on how to run a team. He would also want to change tactics and introduce other players, which may not be in the best interests of the team.

Rapid's Soviet star Anatoli Sintchenko whose contract was due to expire in October, has been given permission to remain in Austria till July next year. Sintchenko now speaks good German and can converse with his team mates. Only after he returns to Russia will the Soviet Football Federation consider Rapid's application to allow Oleg Blokhin to join them after the World Cup final next July.

SWITZERLAND by Arthur Rotmil

DISMAL WAY TO FINISH

SWITZERLAND'S national side did England a big favour by taking three points off Rumania, but their own World Cup challenge petered out in that crushing 3-0 defeat by Hungary, who according to their experts played their best match for ten years!

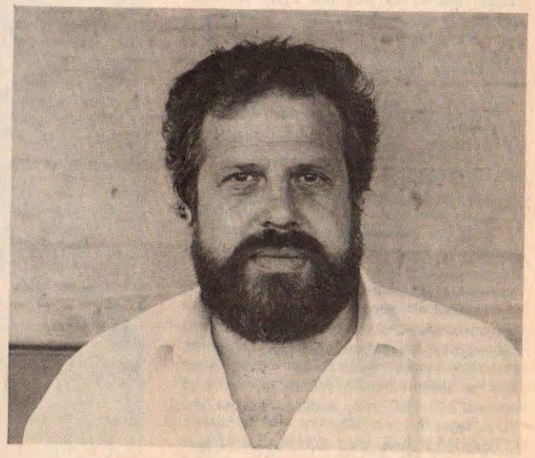
England's manager Ron Greenwood generously acknowledged Switzerland's part in helping England to go to Spain — he wore the tie of the Swiss Football Federation at the Press conference the day after England's own qualification was achieved. Still, the euphoria of that 2-1 win in Rumania provided the Swiss fans with many joyous hours until that rude "Awakening" in Budapest.

Switzerland might have qualified from this generally poor group in which even the Norwegians, a collection of part-timers and modest foreign "mercenaries" made the favourites tremble and was even good enough to beat England. Rumania started so well but faded in the closing stages; Hungary only spasmodically showed their class, while England stuttered and spluttered and eventually needed the help of others to save their cause. The Swiss finished their group matches with a dismal 0-0 draw with Rumania. The visitors, with a new team manager and sweeping changes, introduced several younger players including juniors from the world championship youth tournament where they acquitted themselves so well in Australia. This experimental team was good enough to deny the Swiss. They in turn no longer believing in clinching a place ahead of England, played probably their worst match under Manager Paul Wolfisberg. Nonetheless, they finished the year with their best record since 1939-40! In eight matches they won four, drew three and only lost one, collecting 11 points. One has to go back 42 years to find a total of eleven points.

In the league Servette's marvellous run was abruptly brought to an end. After eleven matches without dropping a point since the start of the season, the Geneva club were beaten by the defending champions FC Zurich 3-2. Their series was the best in this country for 41 years, but alas, their nerves were already shattered by the incessant pressure from the media.

Eleven wins on the trot took it out on the players, four of whom had been sent off: Decastel, Guyot, Geiger and Radi in different games, but dropping out with suspension, it proved too much for the rest. Admittedly, Zurich played extremely well and the best crowd of the season (21,500) at the Letzigrud stadium were rewarded by some first class football, as both teams attacked from the start and there was constant goalmouth excitement.

Undoubtedly, Servette are the "team of the season". The investment in new players is reaping the benefits and they could be the "dark horses" in next season's European tournaments, even in the Champions Cup. Strangely enough both Servette and Zurich fell in the Cup. Servette losing to Sion those renowned cup fighters by 3-2 a.e.t. And they lost a two-goal-lead in the process. Zurich were KO'd by Lucerne with the remarkable score of 6-1. One more feather in the cap of national team chief Wolfisberg, who also coaches Lucerne.



Switzerland manager Paul Wolfisberg.

SOUTH AMERICA by Eric Weil

Argentina flop without Maradona

ARGENTINA'S two international matches played in Buenos Aires in October and November — a 2-1 defeat by Poland and a 1-1 draw with Czechoslovakia — showed that they are not going to get anywhere without midfielder Maradona.

The youngster, as reported in last month's *World Soccer*, refused to join the rest of the squad at their training camp to prepare for these matches and coach, Cesar Menotti, did the right thing in leaving him out.

There are those who say the clash between the coach and the player was orchestrated by people who want to get Menotti out, that he does not have the confidence and backing of soccer officials as before and that higher up in government circles there is also opposition to the coach because of certain declarations of a political tone made by him.

These may be just rumours flying around and in any case no one doubts he will stay on until the World Cup. After that . . . Menotti has already said he intends leaving.

But back to soccer . . .

A year before the last World Cup we said that Argentina needed more attack options and this was evident at times during the actual tournament also, although they went on to win it . . . but the problem is worse now. There was a shortage of proper wingers then and there is one now, but one wonders if Menotti has really gone out to look for or make wingers.

Reflexes

The eventual inclusion of Ardiles and Maradona in midfield could fix quite a lot of things. Maradona was not there in 1978 either, but Ardiles was, even though his great importance to the team was not fully realised by most at the time. They had to really "discover" him in another country.

But in the two recent matches mentioned there was goalkeeper Fillol whose reflexes seem to be slower than before, the same World Cup defence in which, however, it is now more apparent that Olguin and 33-year-old veteran Luis Galvan may be too slow to stop fast fowards. In fact only midfielder Gallego (69 full caps) and defenders Passarella and Tarantini (54 each) came out of these matches with any credit.

Argentina started nervously with three newcomers — defender Bauza and strikers Amuchastegui and Gareca — taking time to settle down. But Poland, though controlling the early stages, were hardly adventurous and the home attack gradually got more of the ball and spelt more danger after the first 15 minutes.

Diaz was close with a header and also grazed the cross-bar as Argentina improved in midfield (Gallego and Barbas) and finally took a deserved half-time lead when Passarella curled in a free-kick four minutes from the break. It was his 22nd goal for Argentina, leaving him only one behind leading scorer, Luque, during Menotti's seven years.

Argentina carried on the good work for a time in the second half, but Poland were much more dangerous in fast counter-attacks and gradually also took over control as the home team fell to pieces and its forwards saw less and less of the ball.

Buncol equalised after 12 minutes and Bonief netted the winner from a free-kick after 25 and long before the end the unusually small crowd was shouting for Maradona. Worse still, the Argentine team, in desperation, forgot about the rival goal and started playing rough which even the home fans censored with whistling and booing.

Kempes, who took over Maradona's No. 10 shirt, failed miserably and the team consequently had no midfield general, the most positive play, also in attack, coming from left-back Tarantini. In this nervous performance — perhaps the worst ever since Menotti took over — the three debutants didn't have a chance . . . and with Barbas in midfield, there was no element of surprise in the attacks.

Against Czechoslovakia, Gallego saved some face for Argentina with a 71-minute equaliser at the less than half-full River Plate Stadium, but five minutes later Passarella uncharacteristically had a penalty shot saved by excellent goalkeeper, Hruska, and Argentina's last and best chance to win the match was gone.

Diego Maradona.

Argentina improved on their performance against Poland, but the Czechs seemed to provide little threat until a sharp counter-attack ended with Valek giving Fillol no chance. Argentina had a lot more of the ball, but their attack of newcomer Amuchasegui, Diaz and Kempes was sadly disconnected and chance after chance went astray, although Kempes might have been awarded a penalty when he was brought down in the area.

The Czechs played simple soccer, combined well and gave little away. Argentina attacked more towards the end, but still completely disconnected and they were again booed off by their own fans at the end.

Theories

Menotti was philosophical about it: "The league soccer being played in Argentina today is a lot worse than in 1978, so you can't expect miracles from the national team and it isn't like in many other countries where the style clubs play has a lot to do with that used by the national team," he said . . . which is one reason why long concentration is needed to prepare a squad for the World Cup.

But he will obviously have to do some hard thinking, and perhaps change some of his pet theories, before picking his likely 22 plus eight others for next year's finals which, he says, he will do before Christmas.

The players will then go on holiday until the end of January and assemble at a training camp in Mar del Plate — the seaside resort 400km from Buenos Aires where they prepared for the last World Cup — at the beginning of February to remain at the exclusive disposal of the national team coach (and not play for their clubs) until the World Cup four months later.

Maradona will surely be called up, but he will have to train with the rest of the squad all the way if he wants to stay in. Tottenham's Ardiles and Villa and Bertoni (playing in Italy) are in Menotti's plans.

The other South American World Cup qualifiers — Chile, Peru, Brazil — will be invited to face Argentina in Mar del Plata and matches against European qualifiers will be played in Buenos Aires later, two having already been arranged — March 24 v West Germany and April 14 v Soviet Union.

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BRAZIL finished off their 1981 international programme with two emphatic victories against weak rivals in Rio de Janeiro — a 6-0 victory over Ireland (represented by the League of Ireland selection) in which Zico scored four and a 3-0 win over Bulgaria in which Zico scored twice.

It could have lulled the Brazilians into false confidence and even their most ardent critic, soccer writer and radio commentator, Joao Saldanha (who coached the 1970 World Cup team) admitted that "the team already shows good understanding".

One step in the right direction, however, is that coach, Tele Santana, seems to have been able to convince his men that midfield — where Brazilians teams tend to waste a lot of time — is only a transition zone where the ball should be got rid of as quickly as possible to surprise the opposition.

Tele Santana has already said that Brazil's team to take the field in the first World Cup finals match is likely to be the same which beat Bulgaria plus Falcao, who is currently playing in Italy — Valdir Peres, Leandro, Oscar, Luisinho, Junior, Cerezo, Falcao, Zico, Paulo Isidoro, Socrates, Mario Sergio. (Cerezo, however, has one more match to go of a World Cup suspension following a qualifying match against Bolivia.)

Tele Santana intends selecting 20 players in mid-April to start training at a training camp near Belo Horizonte and he hopes Falcao will join them by May 1.

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IN PERU, while there are problems at the FA in forming a World Cup preparation committee and Brazilian coach, Elba de Padua Lima's contract had not been quite finalised — although reports have it he will earn over 17,000 dollars a month — the coach himself, better known as "Tim" is watching league matches to find any possible newcomers for the squad which he wants to concentrate for World Cup training on January 2, have them play full matches at least once a month and take them on a European tour after March.

Tim says the team will need around 20 matches against teams of different styles before the World Cup for which he will again want to include six players with foreign clubs who helped Peru through the qualifying rounds. But he could lose his first choice goalkeeper — Argentine-born Ramon Quiroga, who was suspended by his club (Sporting Cristal) for 60 days without pay after being sent off in a league match for insulting the referee.

Quiroga, who was only suspended for one match and fined 10 dollars by the FA for the incident — in spite of his not too good disciplinary record — said he was returning to his native Argentina and may not come back.

COLOMBIA 1986 . . . YES OR NO
And the controversy goes on.

The Colombian government's auditing department — which has some 14,000 employees — informs that the country can stage the 1986 World Cup finals and that costs have been exaggerated.

The Congress' lower house, meanwhile, blocked the project of the formation of a government-run World Cup organising committee because, it said, figures quoted were not fully explicit. There are two strong groups in congress for and against the event and endless discussion is getting nowhere.

Soccer writers point out that no stadium in the country is anywhere near up to standard to stage World Cup games and that Colombian soccer itself is getting worse and worse — the influx of foreign players is blamed as this gives home players little chance — and faces humiliating defeat when they go straight into the 1986 finals as hosts.

President Julio Cesar Turbay has written an open letter to Congress expressing his opposition to holding the event and he includes figures showing it would ruin the country. Yet, on the other hand, he continues to wash his hands of the affair, saying that Congress should decide. Congress will not bring the matter up again until its next session, starting in July.

So we wait and wait and wait . . . and with barely over four years to go, time is already running short for Colombia in view of all that would have to be done.

FORMER BRAZILIAN COACH DROWNS

Former Brazilian national team and Flamengo coach, Claudio Coutinho – lately with the Los Angeles Aztecs – drowned while engaged in under-water fishing near Rio on November 27. Coutinho, 42, coached the Brazilian team in the last World Cup and Flamengo to the national championships last year. He was considering an offer to coach in Saudi Arabia at the time of the accident.

Mario Kempes.

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4-1 . . . Bilbao veteran Chechu Rojo was involved in a scuffle with a policeman who got in the way as he was taking a corner against Las Palmas . . . Real Madrid now leave their luxury long-distance bus ten miles from the ground at away matches and hire a local coach for the last stage because of vandalism . . . Valencia want Ladislav Kubala as coach next season.

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PABLO PORTA, president of the Royal Spanish Football Federation (RFEF) was re-elected by 113 votes to 14. Porta took over in 1976. He's done a good, sound job but his Catalan origins have never been forgotten by clubs and officials in some other regions.

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ROGER MILLA is the Cameroon star who plays for French Cup-winners Bastia, of Corsica. In fact his name is really spelt Miller, but he thinks Milla is more 'Afro'.

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STADIA work is nearing completion and Barcelona's ambitious extensions from a 90,000 to 125,000-capacity ground were due to be celebrated in the home game against Real Madrid at the end of December. The World Cup venues are as follows: Alicante (last intl, 1-1 v Hungary, Mar 1977); Barcelona (Espanol/Sarria and Nou Camp — last intl, 1-2 v Poland, Nov 1980); Bilbao (San Mames — 2-0 v Turkey, May 1967); Coruna (Riazor — 1-1 v Uruguay, June 1966); Elche (Nuevo Estadio — no previous intls in this stadium); Gijon (El Molinon — 2-2 v Czechoslovakia, Apr 1980); Madrid (Bernabeu and Calderon — 1-0 v France, Feb 1981); Malaga (La Rosaleda — 0-1 v E. Germany, Feb 1980); Oviedo (Carlos Tartiere — no previous intls); Seville (Sanchez Pizjuan and Benito Villamarin — 1-0 v Yugoslavia, Oct 1976); Valencia (Mestalla — 3-0 v Luxembourg, Oct 1981); Valladolid (Nuevo Estadio — no previous intls); Vigo (Balaidos — 1-0 v Holland, Jan 1980); Zaragoza (2-1 v Greece, Oct 1970).

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THE Van der Kerkhof brothers, Rene and Willy, in 1978, remain the only instance of brothers on the losing side in a Final.

URUGUAY are the only past winners who failed to reach Spain.

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VERY much under pressure is Jose Emilio Santamaria Iglesias, manager of Spain since the summer of 1980. Born in Montevideo of Spanish parents, Santamaria was a star defender with Uruguay in the 1954 World Cup finals, then joined Real Madrid, winning three Champions' Cup medals and appearing for Spain in the 1962 World Cup in Chile. Retired in 1966. Has managed Spain at junior, under-21 and Olympic levels and was for five years coach to first division Espanol Barcelona. His predecessor as Spain boss, Ladislav Kubala, had been in charge from autumn 1969 until the end of the 1980 European championship.

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WEST GERMANY'S Karl-Heinz Rummenigge was top scorer with nine goals in the European qualifiers. Other leading scorers: Austria — Kurt Welzl 4; Belgium — Erwin Vandenbergh 5; Czech. — Jan Kozak 4; England — Terry McDermott 3; France — Michel Platini 4; Hungary — Laszlo Kiss 4; Italy — Francesco Graziani 3; N. Ireland — Gerry Armstrong 2; Poland — Jan Smolarek 5; Russia — Oleg Blokhin 6; Scotland — John Robertson 3; Yugoslavia — Zlatko Vujovic 7.

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X (as in "ex") . . . ex-Real Madrid vice-president Raimundo Saporta is head of the Spanish organising committee, taking over in the autumn of 1978 after steering Madrid safely through the political minefield of electing a new president in succession to the late Santiago Bernabeu. Saporta had joined Madrid at Bernabeu's behest in 1952 as treasurer, but his first love remains basketball.

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YOUNGEST manager at the finals will be 36-year-old Mauricio "Pipo" Rodriguez of El Salvador. He was their centre-forward in the 1970 finals.

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ZAIRE were, before Cameroon, the only previous Black African finalists. Cameroon have achieved little at national team level, but their teams have dominated the African club tournaments and player popularity polls.

Zico steals the show . . .

from ERIC WEIL

THERE was no doubt that Brazil's Flamengo and Chile's Cobreloa were easily the best teams in the 1981 Libertadores Cup. They showed it by winning both their first round and semi final round groups easily, going through 10 matches to reach the final without defeat, but when it came to the final clash there was one vital difference — midfielder Zico . . . and also as a team Flamengo played the better soccer.

In spite of the rough play, in at least two of the three final matches, football won in the end.

Midfielder Arthur Antunes Coimbra, better known as just Zico, not only scored all four Flamengo goals in the three-legged final, but also put on a show all on his own in spite of some close marking . . . and what a show it was. As always, he was the Brazilian team's play-maker and they responded beautifully to beat Cobreloa who are a very tough nut to crack.

The dispute actually started some time before the first leg — in fact as soon as the teams made sure of their place in the final which, in both cases, was before they played their last semi final round match. Flamengo immediately protested to the South American Football Confederation (CSF) that they did not want to play at Cobreloa's home stadium which barely held 16,000 spectators and was situated in Calama, a mining town 1,600 metres above sea level in a "dust bowl" which made it difficult for visiting teams to breathe.

Cobreloa officials offered the Brazilian club 40,000 dollars on top of their share of the gate to drop their protest, but Flamengo countered by threatening that if made to play in Calama they would play their home leg at their small training stadium in Gavea where fans would be right on top of the players with no protective barrier.

The CSF would hardly have accepted this venue and in the end they did not accept Calama either, because apart from the stadium's lack of capacity, the town lacked all the bare facilities — hotel accomodation, communications (TV, telex, phones) — to put on such a sporting event.

So what could have been a financial failure at venues which the two clubs wanted to use to gain some sporting advantage, turned out to be a bonanza watched by over 200,000 spectators at Rio's Maracana, Santiago's national stadium and Montevideo's Centenario and millions more on TV . . . and as for any sporting advantage, it did not matter in the end. Each club won its home leg, Flamengo 2-1 in Rio, Cobreloa 1-0 in Santiago and Flamengo clinched it 2-0 on neutral ground in Montevideo.

Cobreloa were outplayed in the first half in Rio and Flamengo might have crossed over with more than a 2-0 lead. Possibly the Chilean players, who rarely play in such a big stadium and in front of such a large crowd — 114,000 — were a bit overawed at first, but their strongest department is also defence and defence appeared to be their plan for this first leg. But they just could not hold Zico who beat three rivals and took a good return pass from Adilio after 12 minutes to score the first goal. And he added a second from the penalty spot 18 minutes later when Soto brought down winger Lico.

In the second half Flamengo seemed to be satisfied with holding on to the ball and this was their mistake. Cobreloa, now having nothing to defend, pushed forward, with Jimenez taking over midfield control, and Merello pulled one back with a penalty 25 minutes from the end. Cobreloa continued to press for the equalizer and came close on a number of occasions, before Flamengo managed to control the match again in the last 10 minutes. Cobreloa's penalty had some doubt about it as Jimenez threw himself into the penalty area.

Cobreloa had most of the ball in the second leg, but poor finishing robbed them of several chances. Flamengo could do little else, but fall back into defence to maintain a draw which would have given them the trophy and play became rough with the referee handing our several warnings to players of both teams. Flamengo almost managed it as their solitary goal came only 11 minutes from the end with a free kick taken by Merello. Flamengo paid the penalty of not playing the attacking game they are used to.

Cobreloa now had a slight upper hand, because if the play-off in Montevideo three days later ended in a draw after 30 minutes extra time, goals would count, making the aggregate 2-2, but in that case away goals — Cobreloa had one — would count double.

Flamengo coach, Paulo Cesar Capergiani, who up to a few months earlier had been Zico's midfield companion in the team before he took over as coach, complained that many of his players had been injured by Cobreloa's rough play, but he fielded virtually the same side for the decider. Cobreloa's Argentine-born coach, Vicente Cantattore, meanwhile admitted: "If we want to play soccer, they will always beat us, because they have the better players, but for me there are two things — play when you have possession and fight with temperament when you haven't and in temperament we win."

Rough play took the upper hand and the quality of play was hardly worthy of a final . . . but what could be expected between teams meeting in a vital match for the third time in 10 days. Yet among all the rough stuff Zico continued to play soccer . . . and Zico won scoring after 18 and 79 minutes.

Already in the first half, Alardon, Cobreloa's best player, was sent off after 24 minutes and followed 10 minutes later by Flamengo's Andrade. Just before the end Flamengo sent on Anselmo as substitute and all he did was punch Cobreloa's Soto in the face, producing a free-for-all among players of both teams which ended in Anselmo, Soto and Cobreloa's Jimenez being sent off and leaving the Chileans with eight men and the Brazilians with nine as the final whistle went.

Flamengo's coach later admitted that Anselmo had been sent on with the express purpose of hitting Soto who, in his opinion, had been the dirtiest player in Santiago and here.

Defending champions Nacional really lost their grip on the trophy when their Montevideo neighbours and classic rivals, Peñarol, equalised 1-1 with them in the last minute in the semi-final round, although Nacional had been on top for most of the match. This meant that Cobreloa needed only one point from their two home matches in the three-team group to get into the final. They did more than that with a 4-2 win over Peñarol which meant that Nacional were powerless to do anything in the last match which no longer mattered — although they did manage to take the only point off Cobreloa in a 2-2 draw.

Flamengo won all four matches in the other semi-final group, completing their fixtures with home wins over Deportivo Cali (Colombia) by 3-0 (with two goals from Zico) and 4-1 over Jorge Wilsterman (Bolivia) after they had already qualified for the final and Zico was rested.

WORLD SOCCER NEWSDESK

JINX OVER GREEK TEAM

From Lou Economopoulos in Athens

SOME say the Greek National Team has a curse. Others believe there is a jinx.

Whatever the opinion, one thing is certain — Greece's National side has had its share of bad fate in recent years. Especially when it comes to qualifying for the World Cup.

Greece closed its Group Five preliminaries for the World Cup on November 29 with a disappointing 2-1 defeat at home to Yugoslavia. The Greeks have not tasted victory against their northern neighbours in 47 years. The Greek players call it a jinx.

"This team has a curse following it," said Greek head coach Alketas Panagoulias after the match. "It's true that Yugoslavia has better players and organisation, but in this game we lost because of our mistakes. Both goals were the fault of our goalkeeper."

The Greek goalkeeper was 25-year-old reserve Takis Pantelis. "Yes, I am fully responsible for the loss," he admitted. "I gave away two goals, The first one slipped through my fingers and the other bounced over my head. I was truly unlucky."

Whether the Greek side is unlucky, has a curse or follows in the patterns of a jinx, the new Socialist Greek Government wants an end to the bad results by Greece on the pitch.

"Our government will do whatever is necessary to end the down trend of Greek soccer," said an angry General Secretariat of Athletics, Kimon Koulouris, after the match.

The first step has already been taken. Mr. Panagoulias has said he will step down as head coach.

Head coach of Greek First Division club Panseraikos of Serres, Egon Pihatsek of West Germany, said Greek players don't have proper education in soccer.

"They make the same mistakes year after year. They play out of instinct, without regulations, without discipline. They don't have yet duration and persistence," said Mr. Pihatsek.

An example of the lack of persistence of the National Team is the away win against Denmark, but then losing at home to the same team by an embarassing score. The home loss to Italy and then the away tie with the same team.

Nevertheless, only 15,000 fans showed up for the Yugoslavia match that saw Greece finish only ahead of Luxemburg in Group Five and behind Yugoslavia, Italy and Denmark.

The Greek team has now won 53 matches, has tied another 41 and lost 104. It has scored 254 goals while the opponents have found the Greek nets 397 times.

Meanwhile, the Greek First Division resumes after a short break with Athenian squad Panathinaikos leading the pack with 14 points and a 6-2-1 record.

While Panathinaikos is doing well on the pitch, it is having its troubles in the courtroom.

The former head coach of First Division club OFI of Herakleon, Nikos Alefantos, has charged that he was fired because his team did not lose a friendly game to Panathinaikos.

Mr. Alefantos said in court that OFI is run by George Vardinoyiannis, who is also the President of rival Panathinaikos. According to Mr. Alefantos, during the summer when OFI and Panathinaikos were about to play a friendly match in Crete, Mr. Vardinoyiannis asked him to tell his players to lose by a one goal difference.

Instead, Mr. Alefantos urged his team to win which it did 3-1 after a very rough game. Soon after the match, Mr. Alefantos was fired.

Oleg Blokhin of the USSR.

Assistant OFI coach under Mr. Alefantos, Kostas Diamantopoulos, testified that no such agreement was made. Both Mr. Alefantos and Mr. Diamantopoulos, former close friends, fought it out outside the courtroom before journalists seperated the pair.

A decision from the court is expected this month on the affair.

A surprising second place in the league standings is enjoyed by Doxa of Drama. Doxa, with 13 points and a 5-3-1 record, is off to its best start in 25 years. It has scored in every match so far.

"Doxa has from the start of the season shown a steady result and our aim is to keep that pace until the end," said head coach Kostas Hatzimichail. "We don't centre ourselves to just one player. We work as a team. Each player compliments the other on the pitch."

Tied for third place with 12 points are Aris and PAOK of Salonica and Olympiakos of Piraeus. Rhodes is in sixth place with 11 points.

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From Terry Bushell

THE Soviet season ended on a high note, with Dynamo Kiev, already assured of retaining their League title, beating runners-up Spartak 2-1 away in a fascinating match.

Kiev, who are through to the quarter-finals of the European Cup, Finished with a total of 53 points from their 34 Supreme League games. Spartak had 46, with Dynamo Tbilisi finishing third on 42.

Top scorers were Tbilisi's Ramaz Shengelia with 23 goals, Spartak's Yuri Gavrilov with 21 and Kiev's Oleg Blokhin, who scored 19. In the 306 League matches, 779 goals were scored, compared to 690 last year. Many League games this season finished with four, five or even six goals having been scored.

All the signs are of a renaissance in Soviet football, with the national team clicking at just the right time to qualify for the World Cup finals for the first time in 12 years.

Kiev lost only three matches, all away, and are now unbeaten at home in two seasons of League football. The side is now a fine blend of youth and experience. During the season, two players — Anatoli Konkov and Vladimir Veremeyev — notched up their 300th League appearance; stars such as Leonid Buryak and Blokhin seem to have been around for many years but have only just reached their peak; while some very promising young players have settled in, among them three strikers — Vadim Yevtushenko, Aleksandr Khapsalis and Viktor Khlus.

Relegated are Tavria Simferopol (after only one season in the top flight) and SKA Rostov-on-Don. Rostov beat Spartak in the Cup Final in May and represented the Soviet Union in this season's Cup-Winners' Cup before being knocked out by Eintracht Frankfurt, but they have only one real top-class player — striker Sergei Andreyev, and he has been badly off form recently.

Still Rostov can consider themselves unlucky to go down for in fact they finished third from bottom, way clear of the bottom two clubs. Pakhtakor Tashkent had seven points fewer than Rostov but remain in the Supreme League for another season because of a special dispensation given by the Soviet Football Federation after the loss of their entire first team in an air crash three years ago.

Promoted are Metallist Kharkov from the Ukraine and a Georgian side, Torpedo Kutaisi. Kutaisi, who last played in the top flight many years ago, gained second place by beating Shinnik Yaroslavl 4-1 at home in their last match. Promotion rivals Lokomotiv, relegated last year, failed to make an immediate comeback when they lost their final two games.

Metallist are returning to the Supreme League after an absence of 18 years. They are a factory team (it could only happen in the Soviet Union!) who played exceptionally well the whole season. In the spring they reached the semi-finals of the Soviet Cup, losing to Spartak on a penalty, and led the second division from the beginning.

They are not a young side: of the 13 players in the first team squad, not one has been there for less than five years. And it is said that most of these will remain in the side in the Supreme League next season.

Kiev manager Valery Lobanovsky, who was in charge when the side won the Cup-Winners' Cup in 1975, confirmed that Soviet football is again on a par with the world's best. "Our top teams," he said, "have at their best displayed some modern football and by and large one can say that Soviet football meets international standards.

"Think, for example, of the success of Tbilisi in the Cup-Winners' Cup, the Soviet national team's performances against the illustrious Czechoslovakia team in the World Cup, and the fact that my club and Tbilisi are through to the quarter-finals of the European Cup and the Cup-Winners' Cup respectively.

"But we must look forward and I must admit that we have something to learn from our rivals in other countries.

"I think the more all-rounders a team has the better it can diversify its tactics. The world's top teams — Argentina, Brazil, West Germany — are strong not only because they have stars like Maradona, Cerezo and Rummenigge, but also because they have universal players.

"For example, West Germany's defender Kaltz is at times more dangerous than any forward. And at the same time no forward ever forgets about defence — think of Kempes from the Argentine team.

"All the players must contribute equally to defence and attack. Modern football is all about creating numerical superiority in different parts of the field.

"If I were to indulge in a little crystal-ball gazing I would say that the future belongs to all-round football, to the team which would integrate different styles — Latin American, European and others.

"In the coming season I will aim to create a team that could compete on the international level."

National team boss Konstantin Beskov meanwhile has no illusions about the task his squad face in Spain in the summer, despite his delight at reaching the finals.

He, like Lobanovsky, regards Argentina, Brazil and West Germany as the teams to beat, and he is particularly impressed by Brazil. "The Brazilians' play reveals many new elements they have taken over from European football," he said. "Maintaining their virtuosity, they have added a great deal in physical fitness and organisation of the game."

Beskov's dictum has always been that the Soviet national team will be as strong or as weak as the best club sides. "There are at least three first-class clubs in Soviet football," he said, naming Kiev, Tbilisi and Spartak. "Players from these clubs form the heart of the national team."

Beskov has been the national team manager for two years, adding the job to his duties as manager of Spartak. For the preparation for the decisive World Cup qualifying games against Czechoslovakia and Wales he was joined by Lobanovsky and Tbilisi boss Nodar Akhalkatsi.

"I would stress," Beskov said, "that our players aim to fight for the highest places in Spain."

Classified Results

UEFA CUP
(2nd rnd, 2nd legs — cont Nov. 4)

Radnicki Nis 2 (Djordjevic 40 pen, Savic 65)
Grasshoppers 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 10,000. **Ref:** Krchnak (Czech)
Radnicki 3-0 on pens – 2-2 on aggregate
Radnicki: Milenkovic — Gavrilovic, Panayotovic, Vojinovic, Drizic (Halilovic 105) — Radosavljevic, Djordjevic, Bojovic — Beganovic, Stoiljikovic, Aleksic (Savic 61).
Grasshoppers: Berbig — In-Albon (Hächler 120), Meyer, Egli, Herbert Hermann — Wehrli, Kollerl Heinz Hermann — Zanetti (Fimian 46), Jara, Sulser.

Arges Pitesti 2 (Radu 31, Barbulescu 37)
Aberdeen 2 (Stachan 56 pen, Hewitt 85)
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Redelfs (E. Germany).
Aberdeen 5-2 on aggregate
Arges: Cristian — Barbulescu, Stancu, Cristea, Eduard, Kallo, Badea, Agnat, Baluta, Radu, Turcu.
Aberdeen: Leighton — Kennedy, Miller, McLeish, Rougvie, Strachan, Cooper, McMaster (Hewitt), Watson, McGhee, Weir.

Hajduk Split 1 (Pesic 68)
Beveren 2 (Kreve 13, Albert 17)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 25,000. **Ref:** Tokat (Turkey).
Hajduk on away goals – 4-4 aggregate

Dinamo Bucharest 3 (Georgescu 31, Augustin 101, Orac 107)
Internazionale 2 (Altobelli 46, Prohaska 96)
HT: 1-0. **90min:** 1-1. **Att:** 25,000. **Ref:** Schoeters (Belgium).
Dinamo 4-3 on aggregate

PSV Eindhoven 2 (Poortvliet 38, 56)
Rapid Vienna 1 (Krankl 25)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Syme (Scotland)
Rapid on away goal – 2-2 aggregate

IFK Goteborg 3 (Holmgren 47, Nilsson 77, Fredriksson 89)
Sturm Graz 2 (Stendahl 69, Bakota 81)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 7,500 **Ref:** Nyhus (Norway)
IFK 5-4 on aggregate

Lokeren 4 (Gudjohnsson 32, 51, Lato 42, Mommens 89)
Aris Salonika 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 12,000 **Ref:** Bridges (Wales).
Lokeren 5-1 on aggregate

Sporting Lisbon 0
Southampton 0
Att: 50,000. **Ref:** Renggli (Switzerland)
Sporting 4-2 on aggregate
Sporting: Meszaros — Virgilio, Barao, Xavier, Eurico, Ademar, Freire, Marinho, Manuel Fernandes, Oliveira, Jordao.
Southampton: Katalinic — S. Baker, Holmes, Williams, Nicholl, Agboola, Keegan, Channon, Moran, Lawrence (Wallace 46), Ball.

Carl Zeiss Jena 0
Real Madrid 0
Att: 16,000. **Ref:** McGinlay (Scotland)
Real Madrid 3-2 on aggregate
Jena: Grapenthin — Hoppe, Schnuphase, Weise (Brauer 46), Schilling — Krause, Kurbjueweit, Oevermann — Trocha, Bielau, Vogel (Töpfer 67).
Real Madrid: Miguel Angel — Cortes, Garcia, Navajas, Sabido (Benito 89), Camacho — Del Bosque, Angel, Gallego — Juanito (Carcelen 78), Santillana, Isidro.

UEFA CUP
3rd rnd — 1st legs (Nov 25 unless stated)
Valencia 5 (Tendillo 26, Pablo 32, 58, Welzl 84, Arnesen 89)
Hajduk Split 1 (Zoran Vujovic 67)
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 25,000. **Ref:** Valentine (Scot)
Valencia: Sempere — Carrete, Tendillo, Arias, Botubot — Arnesen, Castellanos, Subirats — Saura, Welzl, Pablo.
Hajduk: Pralija — Zoran Vujovic, Primorac, Rozic, Beric — Jelikic, Sliskovic (Vulic 64), Gudelj, Salov — Zlatko Vujovic, Pesic.

Lokeren 1 (Lato 46)
Kaiserslautern 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 18,000. **Ref:** Menegali (It).
Lokeren: Hoogenboom — Dobias, De Schrijver, Dalving, Verbruggen — Snelders, Mommens, Verheyen — Gudjohnsen, Lato, Larsen.
Kaiserslautern: Reichel — Melzer, Neues, Briegel, Wolf — Eigendorf, Eilenfeldt, Funkel — Geye, Hübner, Hofeditz.

Sporting Lisbon 0
Neuchatel-Xamax 0
Att: 50,000. **Ref:** Kirschen (EG).
Sporting: Meszaros — Virgilio, Xavier, Eurico, Inacio — Ademar, Oliveira, Barao — Jordao, Manuel Fernandes, Mario Jorge (Lito 83).
Neuchatel: Engel — Hasler, Trinchero, Forestier, Bianchi — Küffer, Perret, Andrey, Givens (Moret 83) — Pellegrini (De Coulon 89), Lüthi.

Radnicki Nis 2 (Radosavljevic 27, D. Savic 83)
Feyenoord 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Guruceta (Sp).
Radnicki: Milenkovic — Gavrilovic, Obradovic, Bojovic, Panayotovic — Vojinovic, Beganovic (Drizic 87), Djordjevic — Nikolic, Radosavljevic, Aleksic (Savic 66).
Feyenoord: Hiele — Nielsen (Brard 46), Troost, Stafleu, Wijnstekers — Jeliaskov (Kaczor 73), Vermeulen, Van Til — Bouwens, Van Hanegem, Van Deinsen.

Aberdeen 3 (Black 24, Watson 65, Hewitt 81)
Hamburg 2 (Hrubesch 53, 87)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 24,000. **Ref:** Schoeters (Bel)
Aberdeen: Leighton — Kennedy, Rougvie (Cooper 88), Miller, McMaster — Strachan, Watson, Simpson — Black, McGhee (McCall 79), Hewitt.
Hamburg: Stein — Kaltz. Hartwig (Hidien 79), Beckenbauer, Groh — Milewski (Hieronymus 30), Wehmeyer, Magath, Memering — Hrubesch, Bastrup.

Rapid Vienna 0
Real Madrid 1 (Santillana 80)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 35,000. **Ref:** Konrath (F)
Rapid: Feurer — Krauss, Weber, Geiger, Pregesbauer — Pnenka, Kienast, Sinchenko — Steinbauer (Weinhofer 46), Krankl, Keglevits.
Real Madrid: Miguel Angel — Cortes, Benito (Garcia Navajas 65), Stielike, Camacho — Gallego, Del Bosque (Carcelen 84), Angel — Isidro, Santillana, Juanito.

IFK Gothenburg 3 (Nilsson 34, 52, Tommy Holmgren 27)
Dinamo Bucharest 1 (Multescu 65)
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 6,152. **Ref:** Roth (WG)
IFK: Wernersson — Svensson, Hysen, C. Karlsson, Fredriksson — J. Karlsson, Stromberg, Tord Holmgren — Nilsson, Corneliusson, Tommy Holmgren.
Dinamo: Moraru — Ion, Bombescu, Dinu, Stanescu — Augustin, Dragnea, Custov — Talnar, Multescu, Orac.

Winterslag 0
Dundee Utd 0
Att: 10,000. Played Dec. 1.
Winterslag: De Bruyne — Houben, Van Lessen, Lambrichts, Billen, Albertsen, Weiss, Thys, P. Denier (M. Denier 76), Berger, Van Woerkun.
Dundee Utd: McAlpine — Holt, Stark, Phillip (Kopel 79), Hegarty, Narey, Bannon, Milne, Gough, Sturrock, Dodds.

THIRD ROUND, SECOND LEGS — FULL DETAILS: Next Month.

AFRICAN CHAMPIONS' CUP FINAL
First leg
JET Tizi-Ouzou (Algeria) beat Vita Club de Kinshasa 4-0.

NOVEMBER'S INTERNATIONALS
EUROPE
NOVEMBER 11
Sofia — World Cup Euro qual gp 1
Bulgaria 0
Austria 0
Att: 30,000. **Ref:** Vautrot (F)

Bulgaria: Velinov — Nikolov, Balevsky, Dimitrov, Blangev — Slavkov, Ljubomirov, Zheliaskov (Markov 46) — Kostadinov, Mladenov, Tsvetkov.
Austria: Feurer — Krauss, Pezzey, Weber, Mirnegg (Dihanich 56) — Hattenberger, Prohaska, Jara, Hintermaier — Schachner, Krankl (Hagmayr 73).

Goalkeeper Herbert Feurer and skipper and sweeper Bruno Pezzey were the Austrian heroes of a draw which virtually ensured their place in the finals. Ironically the best Bulgarian forward was Tsvetkov, who plays for FK Austria. Yet Austria could have snatched a goal: Walter Schachner had a breakaway effort cleared off the line by Blangev.

Berne — WC Euro gp 4
Switzerland 0
Rumania 0
Att: 16,000. **Ref:** Correia (Port)
Switzerland: Burgener (Engel 46) — Egli, Zappa, Herbert Hermann (Elia 66) — Wehrli, Botteron, Lüdi, Favre — Elsener, Barberis, Sulser.
Romania: Moraru — Rednic, Stefanescu, Iorgulescu, Stanescu — Tichleanu (Andone 82), Balaci, Augustin, Klein — Gabor, Sandu (Boloni 89).

The winners of this game were . . . England, for whom the draw simplified their forthcoming task against Hungary. The Swiss regretted a first half injury to goalkeeper Erich Burgener, reasoning that a second substitution after the interval to a field player might have helped them take control, but in the end a draw was a fair result. Rumania's new boss, Mircea Lucescu, was delighted with his rebuilt team.

Jena — WC Euro gp 7
E. Germany 5 (Krause 11, Streich 35, Hein 7, Liebers 75, Spiteri-Gonzi og 89)
Malta 1 (Spiteri-Gonzi 41)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 2,000. **Ref:** McKnight (N. Ire).
E. Germany: Rudwaleit — Ullrich, Schnuphase, Troppa, Baum — Liebers, Krause, Steinbach (Ernst 79) — Bielau (Heun 59), Streich, Trocha.
Malta: Bonello — Consiglio (M. Farrugia 49), Edwin Farrugia, Holland, Buttigieg — Fabri, Emanuel Farrugia, J. Xuereb — Spiteri-Gonzi, R. Xuereb, Fenech (Degiorgio 83).

Too late. Caretaker manager Bernd Stange brought in several new youngsters for the East Germans, such as Krause, Heun and 19-year-old Ernst, but Poland had already qualified. A poor crowd braved a chilly evening which saw flurries of rain and snow. Krause, from home-town team Carl Zeiss Jena, opened the scoring with a fine shot from 25 yards and veteran spearhead Joachim Streich added a second. Before the interval Spiteri-Gonzi scored only Malta's second goal in senior internationals this year, but in the second half the East Germans pulled away again with goals from Heun and Liebers before Spiteri-Gonzi put the ball in the net again . . . for an own goal.

Buenos Aires
Argentina 1 (Gallego 71)
Czechoslovakia 1 (Valek 14)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 60,000. **Ref:** Silvagno (Ch)
Argentina: Fillol — Olguin, L. Galvan, Passarella, Tarantini — Barbas, Gallego, Hernandez — Amuchastegui, Diaz, Kempes.
Czechoslovakia: Hruska — Jakubec, Fiala, Vojacek, Kukucka — Chalupka (Sreiner 68), Berger, Stambachr — Valek, Pokluda (Hotovy 68), Kriz (Ducky 87).

After being beaten at home by Poland a fortnight before, Argentina's world champions came close to a second setback in their World Cup warm-up series. A 20-yard effort from Valek put the Czechs ahead early on and though they were only at half-strength (Masny, Behoda and several others were all injured), they maintained that lead with some attractive polished football until 19 minutes from time. Then Americo Gallego, one of Argentina's 1978 stalwarts, grabbed an equaliser. They could even have won. Five minutes later Mario Kempes was flattened in the box but goalkeeper Zdenek Hruska stopped skipper Daniel Passarella's penalty — one of his few failures from the spot.

NOVEMBER 14
Turin — WC Euro gp 5
Italy 1 (Conti 61)
Greece 1 (Kouis 87)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 40,000. **Ref:** Rainea (Rum)
Italy: Zoff — Gentile, Collovati, Scirea, Cabrini — Marini, Dossena, Antognoni (Oriali 65) — Conti (Pruzzo 85), Graziani, Selvaggi.
Greece: Pantelis — Karizias, Kapsis, Firos, Iossifides — Damanakis, Kouis, Vanvakoulias — Ardizoglu (Zindros 46), Mitropoulos (Kostikos 69), Anastopoulos.

Italy qualified for Spain with this point, but it was a grim affair. Lacking the injured Bettega and suspended Rossi they were anonymous in attack — Graziani and Dossena wasted the only real chances — and for once the defence looked unusually rocky. Dino Zoff, the skipper, was confident and assured in goal in what was a record-breaking 95th international. But it was a measure of the problems around him that it took an unthinkable misunderstanding between Gentile and Marini to present Kostas Kouis with his headed equaliser minutes from full-time. Giancarlo Antognoni was a shadow in midfield.

NOVEMBER 15
Wroclaw — WC Euro qual gp 7
Poland 6 (Iwan 6, Smolarek 46, 64, Majewski 48, Dziekanowski 80, Boniek 85)
Malta 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 25,000. **Ref:** Helen (Swe)
Poland: Mowlik — Majewski, Zmuda, Dolny, Jalocha — Matysik (Palasz 68), Boniek, Buncol — Okowski, Iwan, Smolarek (Dziekanowski 68).
Malta: Sciberras — Emmanuel Farrugia, Edwin Farrugia, Holland, Buttigieg — Fabri, Spiteri-Gonzi, M. Farrugia, J. Xuereb — R. Xuereb, Fenech.

Poland so dominated that goalkeeper Mowlik touched the ball only five times. Manager Antoni Piechniczek introduced six new players competed with the team who won the decisive tie in Leipzig against East Germany the previous month. Most impressive was Dziekanowski, a star of the World Youth Cup in Australia, who grabbed Poland's fifth goal.

NOVEMBER 18
Dortmund — WC Euro qual gp 1
W. Germany 8 (Rummenigge 5, 19, 43, Fischer 30, 82, Kaltz 36, Littbarski 52, Breitner 67)
Albania 0
HT: 5-0. **Att:** 45,000. **Ref:** Bjornestad (Nor)
W. Germany: Immel — Kaltz (Matthäus 60), Briegel, Dremmter, K-H. Förster, Stielike, Littbarski, Breitner, Fischer, Magath, Rummenigge (Milewski 50).

Albania: Musta (Lurasi 58) — Targay, Berisha, Kola, Lleshi, Ragami, Ballgjini, Braho, Popantuci.

European champions maintained their 100 per cent record, seven wins in seven games, with this hammering of the Albanians. This means the Germans have, in those seven games, scored 29 goals and conceded just three. Their star was European Footballer of the Year Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, who hit a hat-trick before being substituted in only the 50th minute. Two goals fell to Klaus Fischer and one each to Pierre Littbarski — in only his second full international — Manni Kaltz and Paul Breitner. So weak where the Albanians that Kaltz, nominally right back, stayed up in attack throughout, until his substitution. Albania threatened only twice, in the closing stages. Ragami had a shot saved, Braho a free kick smothered.

Paris — WC Euro qual gp 2
France 2 (Platini 52, Six 82)
Holland 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 50,000. **Ref:** Garrido (Port)
France: Castaneda — Janvion, Lopez, Tresor, Bossis — Giresse, Platini (Tigana 75), Genghini — Rocheteau, Lacombe (Zimako 69), Six.
Holland: Van Breukelen — Wijnstekers, Van der Korput (La Ling 72), Krol, Poortvliet — Metgod (Tahamata 46), Peters, Neeskens, A. Muhren — Van Kooten, Rep.

The end of an era as Holland, runners-up in 1974 and 1978, went out of the World Cup. Now France needed only beat Cyprus in Paris on December 5 to overtake the Irish Republic on goal difference. In the 20th minute France could have gone ahead, but Bernard Lacombe was too high after a through ball from Alain Giresse. At the other end Jan Peters went close for Holland and three minutes into the second half, Ipswich's Arnold Muhren wasted a fine chance after good work by attacking substitute Simon Tahamata. That miss became more crucial in the 52nd minute, when French skipper Michel Platini, having been ordered to retake a free kick, curled it around the wall for the first goal. Holland battled away, but despite the lengthy World Cup experience of Krol, Neeskens, Rep and Co, they were fighting a losing battle. Even the appearance of Tsheu La Ling in place of another defender, didn't work. Eight minutes from the end Dominique Rocheteau made amends for an earlier booking by creating the decisive second goal for Didier Six.

Tbilisi — WC Euro qual gp 3
Russia 3 (Daraselia 13, Blokhin 18, Shengelia 65)
Wales 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 80,000. **Ref:** Keizer (Hol)
Russia: Dassayev — Burkovsky, Susloparov, Demianenko, Baltacha, Daraselia, Shengelia, Sulekvelisze, Gavrilov (Gutsayev 71), Burjak, Blokhin.
Wales: Davies — Ratcliffe, J. Jones (Lovell 85), Nicholas, Phillips, Price, Curtis, Flynn, Rush, Mahoney (Thomas 46), L. James.

Wales, who have been busily and loudly preparing their excuses beforehand vis-a-vis the long trek across the Soviet Union, put all their eggs and defensive basket and duly, and deservedly, saw them quickly smashed inside 20 minutes. Russia turned on a fine display of quality football, going ahead after only 13 minutes when Vitaly Daraselia of Dynamo Tbilisi scored in front of his home crowd after Oleg Blokhin had headed a Leonid Buryak free kick across the face of the goal. Blokhin hit the second after bursting through the defence on to a fine through pass from Kiev club-mate Buryak, and Tbilisi's Ramas Shengelia headed his fifth goal in four World Cup-ties when Buryak's 65th-minute corner deceived the defence. Wales were left clinging to the slim hope that Russia might beat Czechoslovakia in Bratislava . . .

Wembley — WC Euro qual gp 4
England 1 (Mariner 14)
Hungary 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 92,000. **Ref:** Konrath (F)
England: Shilton — Neal, Thompson, Martin, Mills — Robson, McDermott, Coppell (Morley 65), Brooking — Keegan, Mariner.
Hungary: Meszaros — Martos, Balint, Garaba, Toth — Sallai, Muller, Csapo (Szanto 78) — Fazekas (Kerekes 46), Torocsik, Kiss.

England — at last! — qualified for the finals with a win when a draw would have been enough. But they could have scored more. Poor finishing was to blame, with lone goal-scorer Paul Mariner one of the main culprits. Hungary were awful: had it been a league match they might have been reported for not trying. Goalkeeper Ferenc Meszaros showed none of the mastery he had demonstrated for Sporting Lisbon against Southampton in the UEFA Cup and was largely to blame for the goal. Without the injured Tibor Nyilasi to run the midfield only young Sallai showed much interest in the game, and earned a booking for his over-persistent harassment of Kevin Keegan. The brightest spot for England in the team performance was the lively show of new cap Tony Morley during the last 25 minutes.

Belfast — WC Euro qual gp 6
N. Ireland 1 (Armstrong 27)
Israel 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 40,000. **Ref:** Guruceta (Sp)
N. Ireland: Jennings — J. Nicholl, C. Nicholl, J. O'Neill, Donaghy, McCreery, Cassidy, McIlroy, Armstrong, Hamilton, Brotherston.
Israel: Haviv — Machness, Bar, A. Cohen, Shum, Ekhois, Y. Cohen, Malmillian, Lamm (Sinai 64), Damti, Tabak.

Northern Ireland duly collected the point they needed to qualify for the finals when Gerry Armstrong turned the ball into the net in the 27th minute. Noel Brotherston had run over the ball at a free kick, Jimmy Nicholl floated it into the goalmouth and Hamilton headed down to create the chance for the Watford man. The Irish, perhaps because of the tension and the prize at stake, produced one of their poorer displays of the qualifiers, and in the 67th minute were fortunate that Israel skipper Gideon Damti was unable to capitalise on a hesitation by 89-cap Pat Jennings.

Lisbon — WC Euro qual gp 6
Portugal 2 (Manuel Fernandes 33, 56)
Scotland 1 (Sturrock 9)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Corver (Hol)
Portugal: Bento — Freixo (Veloso 50), Simoes, Eurico, Teixeira — Oliveira, Dido, Romeu — Jaime (Diamantino 46), Manuel Fernandes, Costa.

Scotland: Thomson — Stewart, Hansen, Miller, F. Gray (Kennedy 42) — Provan, Souness, Strachan, Hartford — Archibald (Dalglish 65), Sturrock.

Scotland suffered their only defeat of the qualifiers far too late to affect either their qualification or their place at the top of the group. Paul Sturrock, stepping in for Kenny Dalglish, opened the scoring with his first Scotland goal after a Ray Stewart cross caught goalkeeper Bento in two minds. But Sporting Lisbon skipper Manuel Fernandes equalised in the 33rd minute after Billy Thomson — deputising for injured Alan Rough, who failed a late fitness test — had pushed a Romeu drive out to his feet. Fernandes grabbed the winner 11 minutes into the second half after shaking off Hansen and Miller.

Lodz
Poland 2 (Palasz 56, Boniek 74)
Spain 3 (Lopez Ufarte 10, Alesanco 80, M. Alonso 88)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Jaczina (Hun)
Poland: Tomaszewski (Mowlik 46) — Dziuba, Dolny, Skrobowski, Jalocha (Palasz 54) — Buncol (Matysik 54), Boniek, Majewski — Lato, Iwan, Smolarek (Okonski 73).
Spain: Arconada — Camacho, Jimenez, Alesanco, Gordillo — Victor (Saura 76), M. Alonso, Zamora — Marcos (Esteban 76), Satrustegui, Lopez Ufarte.

Poland 'won' 10-1 on corners but Spain were more effective in the departments that mattered and, after their best display of the season, deserved their win, showing unusual fighting spirit in the closing minutes. Jan Tomaszewski, playing possibly his last game for Poland, didn't have the happiest of times. In the tenth minute he had Lopez Ufarte's shot covered, but Jalocha inadvertently diverted it wide of the goalkeeper. In the second half the reorganised Poles battled back to take the lead: Palasz scored after Arconada only parried a Matysik shot, then Boniek stepped around Jimenez to convert a pass from Iwan. But with ten minutes remaining — and manager Jose Santamaria looking in grave danger — Spain pulled level when sweeper Alesanco moved up to head in an Esteban cross after a short Saura free kick. Eight more minutes and Spain had the game won: Sauara wriggled brilliantly down to the byline on the right and Miguel Alonso met his centre with a full-blooded shot from just outside the penalty area which screamed past Mowlik for the winner.

NOVEMBER 21
Novisad — WC Euro gp 5
Yugoslavia 5 (Halilhodzic 1, 45, Surjak 65, Pasic 73, Zlatko Vujovic 75)
Luxembourg 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 23,000. **Ref:** Cherry (Malta)
Yugoslavia: Pantelic — Krmpotic, Stojkovic, Zajec, Buljan — Cuadelj, Zlatko Vujovic, Petrovic — Halikhodzic (Jerolimov 53), S. Susic, Surjak (Pasic 46).
Luxembourg: Moes — Dax, Bossi, Rohmann, Clements — Girres, Weiss, Dresch — Di Domenico, Langers, Reiter.

Yugoslavia confirmed their place in the finals without any problem, and doing so with the aid of exiles such as Pantelic, Buljan, Halilhodzic and Surjak. Safet Susic, out of football for 14 months while completing his national service, settled in well at the head of the attack.

NOVEMBER 22
Düsseldorf — WC Euro gp 1
W. Germany 4 (Fischer 4, Rummenigge 49, 83, Kaltz 63 pen)
Bulgaria 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 55,000. **Ref:** Fredriksson (Swe)
W. Germany: Schumacher — Kaltz, K-H. Förster, Hannes, Briegel — Dremmler, Breitner, Magath (K. Allofs) — Rummenigge, Hrubesch, Fischer.
Bulgaria: Velinov — Balevsky, Nikolov, Dimitrov, G. Bonev — Iliev, Kostadinov, Markov (Lubomirov 46) — Zdravkov, Yonchev, Mladenov.

For the first time West German manager Jupp Derwall was able to experiment in a 'serious' match with twin centre forwards Klaus Fischer and Horst Hrubesch. Injury to one or other had previously prevented this. But the idea proved an instant success, with Fischer grabbing the Germans' first goal after only four minutes. Already sure of their place in Spain, there was no holding them in the second half. Rummenigge, with two

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hat-tricks already to his credit in these qualifiers, scored the Germans' second after goalkeeper Velinov failed to hold a shot from Peter Briegel. Velinov had been the Bulgarian star, but he was beaten again in the 63rd minute by Manni Kaltz's penalty after Rummenigge had been tripped. Rummenigge himself claimed the fourth goal — thundering the ball home after a smart free kick. This meant that, since Derwall took over in the autumn of 1978, the Germans had lost only three games in 34; in denying the Bulgarians victory, the Germans also assured that Austria would go with them to Spain.

NOVEMBER 29
Bratislava — WC Euro gp 3
Czechoslovakia 1 (Vojacek 33)
Russia 1 (Blokhin 14)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 47,000. **Ref:** White (Eng)

Czechoslovakia: Hruska — Jakubec, Vojacek, Fiala, Barmos — Kozak, Bicovsky, Panenka — Masny, Nehoda, Kriz (Vizek 59).

Russia: Dassayev — Burovsky, Sulakvelidze, Susloparov, Demianenko — Buryak, Daraselia, Baltacha — Shengelia (Andreyev 74), Gavrilov, Blokhin.

Welsh hopes disappeared as the Czechoslovaks gained the point they needed to return to the finals after an absence of 12 years. But it wasn't plain sailing. Any thoughts that the Russians would make it easy were quashed after 14 minutes when Oleg Blokhin shot home from 25 yards. However in the 33rd minute Rostislav Vojacek headed in an equaliser after a corner by Antonin Panenka. The Czechs missed the busy Jan Berger in midfield — he was in hospital suffering from a broken jaw after being set upon and attacked in a Prague street — but they might have had another goal in the 53rd minute. Kozak's header from another Panenka corner rebounded off the bar however.

Athens — WC Euro gp 5
Greece 1 (Mavros 5)
Yugoslavia 2 (Surjak 22, Jerkovic 39)
HT: 1-2. **Att:** 12,000.

Greece: Pantelis (Davkos 46) — Karoulias, Iossifides (Kostikos 46), Vamvakoulas, Ravousis, Kapsis, Anastopoulos, Livanthinos, Mitropoulos, Kouis, Mavros.

Yugoslavia: Pantelic — Buljan, Zoran Vujovic (Pasic 76), Gudelj, Stojkovic, Zlatko Vujovic (Hrstic 84), Petrovic, Jerkovic, Surjak, Susic.

Yugoslavia ensured top place in the group with this win, though the Greeks took an early lead through Tomas Mavros and could have had a second had Anastopoulos not hit the bar 10 minutes later. Slowly the Slavs took over, however. First Ivica Surjak equalised after Pantelis dropped a cross-shot, then Jerkovic shot in from outside the penalty box. Anastopoulos put Mavros through in the 50th minute but he shot wide, as did Kostikos ten minutes later. The Greeks played the last half-hour with only ten men after Mavros was injured, since they had used both substitutes. Even so, they came closest to scoring in the 84th minute when Anastopoulos forced a sharp reflex save from Dragan Pantelic.

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CH'SHIP — Group One — Nov 10 (Plovdiv): Bulgaria 1, Austria 0. **Nov. 21 (Koblenz):** W. Germany 4 (Völler 27, Littbarski 35 pen, Strach 65, Engels 74 pen), Bulgaria 1 (Valdshev 54). **Group four — Nov. 10 (Wettlingen):** Switzerland 3 (Andermatt 23, Brigger 70, Zahnd 73), Romania 0. **Nov. 17 (Nottm Forest):** England 2 (Thompson 35, Fashanu 81), Hungary 0. **Group five — Nov. 13 (Padova):** Italy 1 (Vordis 12), Greece 0. **Nov. 29 (Corinth):** Greece 0, Yugoslavia 2 (Bazdarevic 42, Marcovic 72). **Group eight — Nov. 18 (Orense):** Spain 2 (Julio 28, Minguela 75), Holland 1 (Kieft 13).

Quarter-final qualifiers: W. Germany, France, England, Italy, Scotland, Poland, Spain.

OTHER INTLS. — Nov. 7 (Viterbo): Italy Amtrs 2 (Segoni 8, Dell'Amico 14), Malta A 0. **Nov. 17 (Deventer):** Holland B 0, France U21 0. **Nov. 18 (Zaragoza):** Spain B 2 (Pichi Alonso 27, 87), Poland B 0. **Nov. 20 (Bangkok):** Thailand 2 (Piyapong Peeu-on 2), Poland B 0. **Nov. 25 (Cadiz):** Cadiz 0, Russia 4 (Blokgin 2, Shengelia, Nowik).

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SOUTH AMERICA
SEPTEMBER 24
Brazil 6 (Zico 4, Eder, Roberto)
Ireland (League of Ireland) 0

OCTOBER 28
Brazil (1) 3 (Roberto Dinamita, Zico pen., Leandro)
Bulgaria 0

Brazil: Peres, Leandro, Oscar, Luisinho, Junior, Cerezo, Zico, Socrates, Paulo Isidoro, Roberto Dinamita, Mario Sergio. (Subs: Rocha/Cerezo, Paulo Sergio/Peres).

Bulgaria: Donev, Petrov, Marionov, Alexandrov, Iliev, Bladenov, Chvadarov, Argirov, Sadarov, Valchev, Pacev. (Subs: Burlev/Chvadarov, Markalov/Argirov, Estrelov/Sadarov, Kurdov/Pacev. Att: 25,000.

Paul Mariner of England climbs above Imre Garaba of Hungary during the World Cup match at Wembley.

Argentina (1) 1 (Passarella)
Poland (0) 2 (Buncol, Boniek)

Argentina: Fillol, Olguin, Bauza, Passarella, Tarantini, Barbas, Gallego, Kempes, Amuchastegui, Diaz, Gareca (Valencia).

Poland: Mylnarczyk, Jalocha, Dziuba, Zmuda, Janas, Matysick, Majewsky, Boniek, Smoralek, Iwan (Palasz), Buncol. Referee: Juan Cardellino (Uruguay).

NOVEMBER 11
Argentina (0) 1 (Gallego)
Czechoslovakia (1) 1 (Valek)

Argentina: Fillol, Olguin, Galvan (L.), Passarella, Tarantini, Barbas, Gallego, Hernandez, Amuchastegui, Diaz, Kempes.

Czechoslovakia: Hruska, Jacuvek, Fiala, Vojace, Kukucka, Chaloupka (Jotovy), Verger, Stambach, Valek, Pkluda (Sreinor), Kriz (Ducky). Referee: Juan Silvagno (Chile).

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GROUP 1 — OCTOBER 21

SEMI-FINAL
Nacional (Uruguay) (0) 1 (Esparrago)
Peñarol (Uruguay) (0) 1 (W. Cabrera)
Att: 9,000.

OCTOBER 28
Cobreloa (Chile) (2) 4 (Ruben Gomez, Merello 2 (1 pen.), Munoz)
Penarol (Uruguay) (0) 2 (Paz 2, 1 pen.)

Cobreloa: Wirth, Tabilo, Paez, Soto, Raul Gomez (Jimenez), Merello, Alarcon, Ruben Gomez, Puebla, Siviero, Olivera (Muñoz).

Peñarol: Alves, Diogo, Gutierrez, Marcenaro, Morales, Saralegui, Calero, Paz, Vargas, Yalud (Peirano), Clavijo. Referee: Aliro Blanquicet (Colombia). Att: 12,000.

NOVEMBER 4
Cobreloa (Chile) (0) 2 (Muñoz, Luzardo og)
Nacional (Uruguay) (1) 2 (W. Cabrera, Luzardo pen.)

SEMI-FINAL GROUP 1 — FINAL STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cobreloa (Chile)	4	3	1	0	9	5	7
Nacional (Uruguay)	4	0	3	1	5	6	3
Peñarol (Uruguay)	4	0	2	2	4	7	2

(Cobreloa qualifies for final)

SEMI-FINAL GROUP 2 — OCTOBER 23
Flamengo (Brazil) (1) 3 (Zico 2, Chiquinho)
Deportivo Cali (Colombia) 0

OCTOBER 27
Jorge Wilsterman (Bolivia) (1) 1 (Taborga)
Deportivo Cali (Colombia) (0) 1 (Angulo)

OCTOBER 30
Flamengo (Brazil) (2) 4 (Nunes, Adilio, Chiquinho 2)
Jorge Wilsterman (Bolivia) (1) 1 (Taborga)

SEMI-FINAL GROUP 2 — FINAL STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Flamengo (Brazil)	4	4	0	0	10	2	8
Dep. Cali (Colombia)	4	1	1	2	2	5	3
J. Wilsterman (Bolivia)	4	0	1	3	3	8	1

(Flamengo qualifies for final)

FINALS — NOVEMBER 13 (1st leg)
Flamengo (Brazil) (2) 2 (Zico 2, 1 pen)
Cobreloa (Chile) (0) 1 (Merello 1 pen)

Flamengo: Raul, Leandro, Figueiredo, Mozer, Junior, Andrade, Adilio, Zico, Lico, Nunes, Tita. (Sub: Varoninho/Lico).

Cobreloa: Wirth, Tabilo, Rojas, Soto, Escobar, Alarcon, Jimenez, Merello, Muñoz (Gomez), Siviero, Puebla. Referee: Carlos Esposito (Argentina). Att: 114,000.

NOVEMBER 20 (2nd leg)
Cobreloa (Chile) (0) 1 (Merello)
Flamengo (Brazil) 0

Cobreloa: Wirth, Tabilo, Jimenez, Soto, Escobar, Merello, Alarcon, Gomez, Puebla, Siviero, Olivera.

Flamengo: Raul, Leandro, Figueiredo, Mozer, Junior, Adilio, Andrade, Zico, Lico, Nunes, Tita. Referee: Ramon Barreto (Uruguay). Att: 61,700.

NOVEMBER 23 (Play-off in Montevideo, Uruguay)
Flamengo (Brazil) (1) 2 (Zico 2)
Cobreloa (Chile) 0

Flamengo: Raul, Diaz, Marinho, Mozer, Junior, Andrade, Adilio, Leandro, Tita, Nunes (Anselmo), Zico.

Cobreloa: Wirth, Tabilo, Paez (Muñoz), Soto, Escobar, Marello, Jimenez, Alarcon, Puebla, Siviero, Olivera. (Sent off: Cobreloa: Alarcon 24 min., Soto and Jimenez 89 min; Flamengo: Andrade 35 min, Anselmo 89 min). Referee: Jorge Cerullo (Uruguay). Att: 35,000.

FINALS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Flamengo	3	2	0	1	4	2	4
Cobreloa	3	1	0	2	2	4	2

MAJOR CLUB INTERNATIONALS: Corinthians (Brazil) 2 Independiente (Argentina) 1, Cruz Azul (Mexico) 2, Independiente 2 (Independiente won 3-0 on penalties); Corinthians 2, America (Mexico) 0 — all in Mexico, Nov. 21-22.

OTHER INTERNATIONALS: Oct. 20: Aruba 1 Millionarios (Colombia) 3; Oct. 24: Curazao 2 Millionarios (Colombia) 1.

England captain Kevin Keegan shadowed by his close marker Sandor Sallai at Wembley.

ALGERIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
EP Sétif	13	7	3	3	20	10	30
Collo	12	8	1	3	17	7	29
JE Tizi Ouzou	11	7	3	1	16	6	28
CM Belcourt	12	6	4	2	14	7	28
MP Oran	13	6	3	4	17	12	28
MAHD	13	5	4	4	13	7	27
ISMA	13	7	0	6	16	18	27
USM El Harrach	13	4	5	4	8	9	26
RS Kouba	13	3	6	4	11	9	25
DNC Alger	13	3	5	5	16	12	24
USK Alger	13	3	5	5	9	11	24
ASC Oran	12	3	5	4	13	14	23
MP Alger	13	3	4	6	14	15	23
Mascara	13	4	2	7	15	26	23
DNC Chlef	13	1	5	7	6	28	20
ESM Bel Abbés	12	1	5	6	8	15	19

BULGARIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cska	12	8	2	2	23	8	18
Levski	11	7	3	1	26	13	17
TM Varna	12	8	1	4	20	12	17
Slavia	12	6	3	3	15	11	15
Etar	12	5	4	3	21	14	14
Locomotiv	12	7	0	5	21	16	14
TM Bourgas	12	5	3	4	17	17	13
Belasitsa	12	5	2	5	20	13	12
Haskovo	11	5	2	4	12	10	12
Trakia	11	4	2	5	15	18	10
Spartak	12	4	1	7	16	20	9
Beroe	11	3	2	6	12	17	8
Marek	12	3	2	7	10	22	8
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LEAGUE TABLES

AUSTRIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rapid	16	9	5	2	33	17	23
Austria	16	9	4	3	29	12	22
Sturm Graz	16	8	3	5	32	29	19
Admira	16	8	2	6	28	30	18
Innsbruck	16	6	3	7	26	23	15
Voest Linz	16	6	3	7	20	17	15
Graz AK	16	5	3	8	19	26	13
Linz ASK	16	5	3	8	16	24	13
Salzburg	16	3	6	7	19	26	12
Sportclub	16	3	4	9	17	35	10

Top scorer: Bakota (Sturm Graz), 14.

BELGIUM

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Anderlecht	15	9	3	3	28	17	21
La gantoise	15	8	5	2	23	12	21
Courtrai	15	9	2	4	23	17	20
Antwerp	15	8	4	3	24	11	20
Lierse	15	8	4	3	22	17	20
Standard	15	7	5	3	22	14	19
Beveren	15	6	6	3	17	11	18
Lokeren	15	7	3	5	19	15	17
FC Liège	15	5	4	6	19	17	14
Waregem	15	5	4	6	15	13	14
RWDM	15	6	1	8	20	24	13
Tongres	15	4	4	7	28	24	12
Beringen	15	4	4	7	13	21	12
C. Bruges	14	4	3	7	21	27	11
Waterschei	15	3	5	7	16	28	11
Winterslag	14	3	4	7	9	22	10
FC Bruges	15	3	3	9	19	27	9
Malines	15	1	4	10	13	24	6

Top scorer: Vanden Bergh (Lierse), 11.

ENGLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Manchester United	17	9	5	3	26	12	32
Swansea	16	9	3	4	26	22	30
Ipswich	15	9	2	4	27	19	29
Tottenham	15	9	1	5	25	17	28
Southampton	16	8	3	5	29	23	27
West Ham	15	6	8	1	32	20	26
Nottingham Forest	16	7	5	4	21	20	26
Arsenal	15	7	3	5	13	11	24
Manchester City	15	6	4	5	20	17	22
Liverpool	15	5	6	4	21	16	21
Brighton	16	4	9	3	20	17	21
Stoke	17	6	2	9	22	26	20
Aston Villa	15	4	7	4	21	18	19
Coventry	16	5	4	7	25	25	19
Everton	16	5	4	7	19	22	19
Wolves	16	5	4	7	11	20	19
WBA	16	4	6	6	18	19	18
Notts County	16	4	5	7	23	29	17
Leeds Utd	16	4	4	8	16	31	16
Birmingham	15	3	6	6	21	22	15
Middlesbrough	17	2	6	9	16	29	12
Sunderland	17	2	5	10	12	29	11

Top scorer: Keegan (Southampton), 11.

HOLLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
PSV	15	12	1	2	40	15	25
AZ 67	15	9	3	3	33	16	21
Ajax	15	9	2	4	51	25	20
Sparta	15	8	4	3	30	17	20
Go Ahead	15	7	4	4	27	20	18
Feyenoord	15	6	6	3	34	28	18
Haarlem	15	6	6	3	22	18	18
NAC	15	6	4	5	27	20	16
Utrecht	13	7	1	5	23	18	15
Roda	15	6	3	6	26	26	15
Groningue	14	5	3	6	25	31	13
NEC	15	4	4	7	16	26	12
MVV	15	5	2	8	20	31	12
Twente	15	5	1	9	22	28	11
PEC	15	2	6	7	20	36	10
Willem II	15	3	3	9	19	35	9
Le Haye	14	2	3	9	16	30	7
De Grasfschap	15	2	2	11	12	43	6

PORTUGAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sporting	10	7	3	0	22	7	17
Porto	10	5	5	0	11	4	15
Guimaraes	10	5	3	2	13	5	13
Benfica	10	6	1	3	18	6	13
Rio Ave	10	5	2	3	8	7	12
Braga	10	4	4	2	10	10	12
Setubal	10	3	4	3	11	7	10
Penafiel	10	4	1	5	7	12	9
Estoril	10	3	3	4	12	15	9
Boavista	10	3	2	5	8	9	8
Espinho	10	2	4	4	10	13	8
Amora	10	2	4	4	7	12	8
Belenenses	10	2	3	5	14	19	7
Viseu	10	3	1	6	6	17	7
Portimense	10	3	1	6	10	11	7
Leiria	10	2	1	7	5	18	5

Top scorer: Nene (Benfica), 10.

EAST GERMANY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dyn. Berlin	11	8	1	2	36	12	17
FC Magdeburg	11	7	3	1	24	16	17
Jena	11	6	3	2	22	9	15
Lok. Leipzig	11	5	4	2	21	13	14
Dresden	11	6	1	4	14	11	13
Wismut	11	5	3	3	20	20	13
Francfort-Oder	11	6	1	4	14	15	13
Chemie Halle	11	5	2	4	17	15	12
RW Erfurt	11	5	2	4	25	18	12
Karl Marx Stadt	11	4	1	6	19	19	9
Hansa Rostock	11	2	3	6	17	25	7
Zwickau	11	2	2	7	5	21	6
Schkopau	11	1	2	8	10	40	4
Cottbus	11	0	2	9	4	24	2

Top scorer: Streich (Magdeburg), 9.

HUNGARY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tatabanya	16	8	6	2	32	23	22
Ujpest	16	7	7	2	21	16	21
Videoton	16	9	3	4	24	19	21
Raba	16	9	2	5	44	31	20
Honved	16	8	3	5	28	20	19
Vasas	16	9	1	6	31	24	19
Ferencvaros	16	8	1	7	35	25	17
Haladas	16	6	4	6	24	23	16
Debrecen	16	6	4	6	23	24	16
Zalaegerszeg	16	6	4	6	17	23	16
Csepel	16	4	7	5	14	19	15
Nyiregyhaza	16	5	5	6	16	22	15
Pecs	16	6	2	8	25	24	14
Bekescaba	16	3	8	5	21	26	14
Ozd	16	4	5	7	23	24	13
Volan	16	3	7	6	20	23	13
Diosgyor	16	2	7	7	21	35	11
Szeged	16	3	0	13	14	38	6

Top scorer: Kerekes (Debrecen), 13.

FRANCE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Saint Etienne	20	12	5	3	43	18	29
Monaco	20	13	2	5	42	21	28
Sochaux	20	10	7	3	32	20	27
Bordeaux	20	10	7	3	33	22	27
Paris S.G.	20	9	5	6	29	18	23
Laval	20	7	8	5	24	23	22
Brest	20	7	8	5	28	31	22
Nancy	20	8	5	7	31	26	21
Lille	20	8	5	7	32	29	21
Lyon	20	9	2	9	19	19	20
Bastia	20	7	6	7	29	37	20
Tours	20	8	3	9	30	28	19
Nantes	20	7	5	8	24	23	19
Strasbourg	20	6	5	9	22	24	17
Valenciennes	20	6	4	10	23	36	16
Auxerre	20	5	6	9	18	37	16
Metz	20	2	11	7	16	22	15
Montpellier	20	5	5	10	19	30	15
Lens	20	4	4	12	19	34	12
Nice	20	3	5	12	19	34	11

ITALY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Juventus	10	7	1	2	16	5	15
Inter Milan	10	5	5	0	14	6	15
Roma	10	5	4	1	15	9	14
Fiorentina	10	5	3	2	10	7	13
Napoli	10	2	7	1	9	6	11
Avellino	10	3	4	3	5	4	10
Ascoli	10	2	5	3	5	4	9
Catanzaro	10	2	5	3	8	8	9
Cagliari	10	3	3	4	9	10	9
Genoa	10	2	5	3	7	8	9
Udinese	10	3	3	4	10	13	9
Bologna	10	1	6	3	7	11	8
Cesena	10	2	4	4	9	17	8
Torino	10	2	3	5	7	10	7
Milan AC	10	1	5	4	3	8	7
Como	10	1	5	4	9	17	7

POLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Pogon	15	9	2	4	27	25	20
Gwardia	15	7	5	3	24	14	19
Gornik	15	7	4	4	18	10	18
Slask	15	7	4	4	19	14	18
Widzew	15	5	8	2	17	15	18
LKS	15	8	1	6	16	16	17
Zagleble	15	5	6	4	16	16	16
Lech	15	6	3	6	13	11	15
Szombierki	15	6	2	7	22	14	14
Wisla	15	4	6	4	18	15	14
Stal	15	3	8	4	13	16	14
Legia	15	5	4	6	16	20	14
Motor	15	5	2	8	22	25	12
Ruch	15	4	3	8	12	15	11
Arka	15	4	3	8	8	21	11
Baltyk	15	3	3	9	9	22	9

Top scorer: Kapica (Szombierki), 8.

ROMANIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Univ. Craiova	15	12	1	2	34	8	25
Dinamo Buc	16	10	3	3	33	17	23
Corvinul	16	8	3	5	35	22	19
FC Olt	16	8	2	6	22	17	18
Sportul Buc	16	6	6	4	19	17	18
SC Bacau	16	7	4	5	20	20	18
FMM Brasov	16	7	4	5	14	16	18
UT Arad	16	6	4	6	18	20	16
Poli. Timisoara	16	6	3	7	20	19	15
Steaua Buc.	15	5	5	5	16	16	15
Univ. Cluj Napoca	16	6	3	7	17	22	15
CS Targoviste	16	6	3	7	16	23	15
FC Constanta	16	3	7	6	18	21	13
CR Vilcea	16	5	3	8	17	29	13
FC Arges Pitesti	16	4	4	8	12	19	12
Jiul Petrosani	16	3	6	7	15	24	12
ASA Tg. Mures	16	5	1	10	21	22	11
Progresul Buc.	16	3	4	9	16	31	10

Top scorer: Iordanescu (Steaua), 10.

SPAIN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Barcelona	13	9	2	2	40	12	20
Real Sociedad	13	8	3	2	25	13	19
Real Madrid	13	8	2	3	22	12	18
Zaragosa	13	7	4	2	21	15	18
Betis	13	7	0	6	19	14	14
Valencia	13	6	2	5	19	17	14
Gijon	13	5	3	5	14	17	13
Atl. Bilbao	13	6	0	7	20	18	12
Osasuna	13	5	2	6	16	17	12
Santander	13	5	2	6	19	21	12
Las Palmas	13	5	2	6	20	23	12
Seville	13	4	4	5	16	19	12
Atl. Madrid	13	5	1	7	15	14	11
Espanol	13	5	1	7	16	19	11
Valladolid	13	4	3	6	14	25	11
Cadix	13	5	1	7	9	20	11
Hercules	13	4	2	7	22	25	10
Castellon	13	1	2	10	10	35	4

Top scorer: Quini (Barcelona), 12.

TURKEY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Fenerbahce	9	5	3	1	16	9	13
Sakarya	9	5	3	1	9	3	13
Adana DS	9	5	2	2	10	5	12
Trabzon	10	4	4	2	9	4	12
Ankaragucu	9	5	2	2	10	5	12
Besiktas	9	3	5	1	10	6	11
Galatasaray	9	4	3	2	8	5	11
Boluspor	10	2	6	2	8	7	10
Kocaelispor	10	3	3	4	9	6	9
Altay	10	3	3	4	12	10	9
Zonguldak	9	3	3	3	5	8	9
Adanaspor	9	2	4	3	7	8	8
Bursaspor	10	2	4	4	7	10	8
Göztepe	9	2	3	4	8	14	7
Diyarbakir	10	2	2	6	8	14	6
Gaziantep	9	1	4	4	9	20	6
Eskisehir	10	1	2	7	1	11	4

Top scorer: Bora (Besikias), 6.

SWITZERLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Servette	14	13	0	1	48	13	26
Zurich	14	8	6	0	22	10	22
Neuchâtel	14	8	4	2	26	8	20
Grasshoppers	14	8	4	2	30	13	20
Young Boys	13	8	2	3	25	15	18
Sion	14	6	5	3	29	20	17
Bâle	14	5	4	5	19	18	14
St Gall	14	6	1	7	21	24	13
Lucerne	13	6	0	7	23	24	12
Aarau	14	4	4	6	24	30	12
Bulle	14	3	3	8	16	30	9
Lausanne	13	3	2	8	17	23	8
Vevey	13	2	4	7	18	28	8
Chiasso	14	2	4	8	9	23	8
Bellinzone	14	2	4	8	10	31	8
Nordstern	14	2	1	11	12	39	5

Top scorer: Elia (Servette), 11.

LUXEMBOURG

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Beggen	11	10	0	1	31	10	20
Union	11	8	0	3	24	16	16
Red Boys	11	7	0	4	28	14	14
Alliance	10	6	2	2	19	10	14
Jeunesse	11	6	2	3	25	18	14
Niedercorn	11	5	3	3	18	13	13
Grevenmacher	11	5	1	5	11	13	11
FC Wiltz	11	4	1	6	14	20	9
Eischen	11	2	2	7	9	18	6
Aris	11	1	3	7	9	26	5
Spora	10	1	2	7	5	23	4
Hautcharage	11	1	2	8	7	19	4

Top scorers: Bianchini (Red Boys), 12; Krings (Beggen), 12; Girres (Union), 7.

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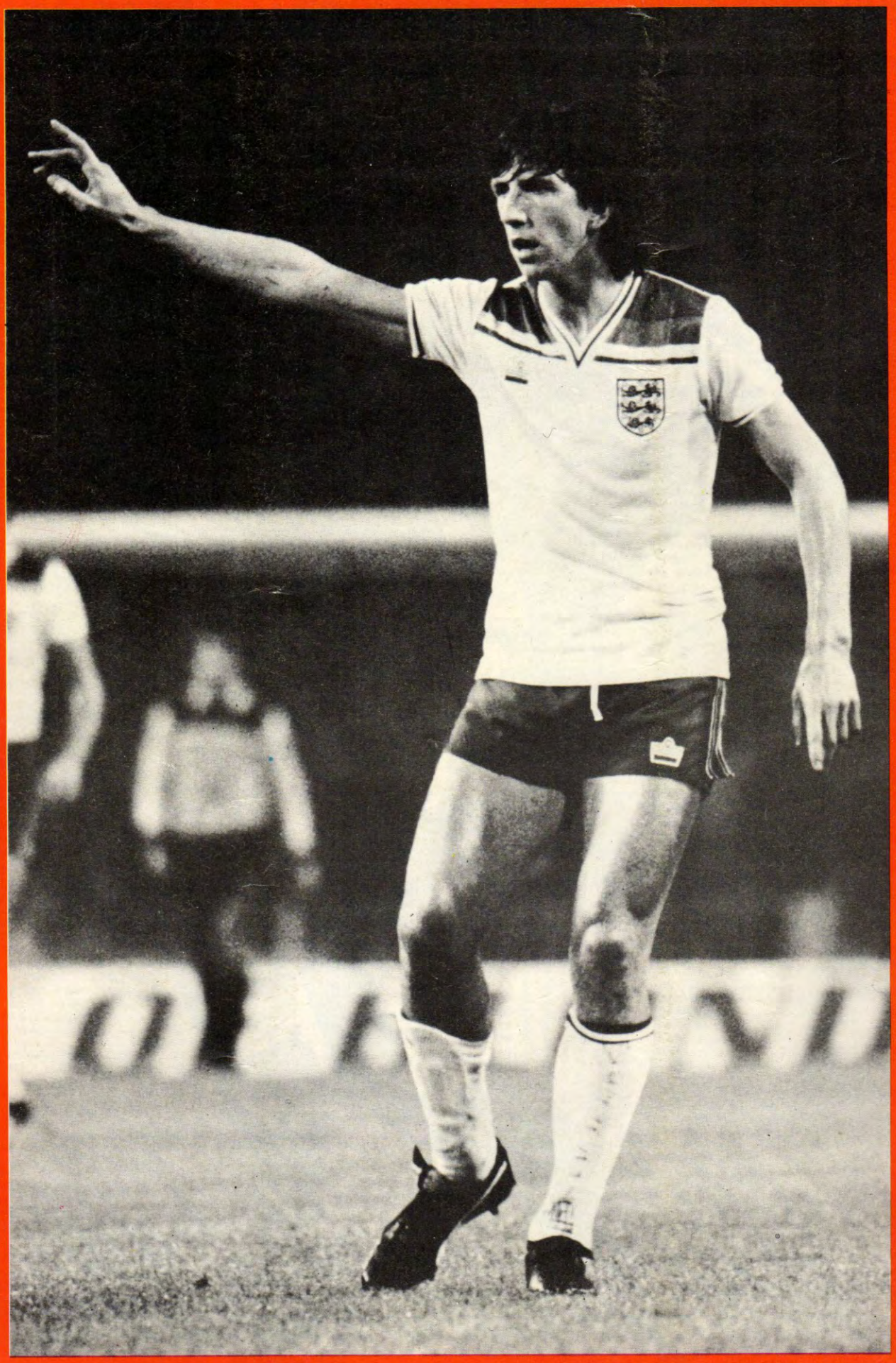

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